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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Govt Rep'ies

GOVERNMENT'S replies made yesterday to the Unofficials' Budget criticisms and suggestions were benignly placating, and in some instances usefully informative. While no rash promises were made, the Government spokesmen went practically all the way in agreeing in principle with the several ideas advanced by the Unofficials aimed at giving the Colony improved services and amenities. Two of the most important statements related to future car parking facilities in the centre of the city, and the planned extension of Kai Tak airport. The Director of Public Works envisaged a car park below the future City Hall capable of facilitating four or five times the number of vehicles now being parked in Statue Square. Additionally he forecast a new overhead car park at the concourse to the vehicular ferry. These, it is true, are distant developments. Nevertheless there is satisfaction to be derived from the knowledge that a definite plan is under consideration which, when it eventuates, promises to bring substantial relief to the problem of car parking in the central area.

THE Colonial Secretary's prompt reply to Mr Cassidy's invitation to Government to make a statement on the extension of Kai Tak airport was the high spot of yesterday's speeches. Apparently useful progress has already been made towards fulfilment of a scheme which, when finalised, will immeasurably improve conditions for aircraft. The fact that the experts are not all agreed that the extended runways will be wholly adequate for jet passenger planes is somewhat disconcerting. The Kai Tak extension project is a costly one, and the Colony has yet to know how much of the cost it will have to bear. It is thus of prime importance that the completed project should not fall short of accepted standards for handling all future types of air liners. We do not want any repetition of Ping Shan, which scheme, after being in hand, had to be abandoned because the site was condemned by civil air experts as being inadequate. The new Kai Tak airport must, beyond all doubt, be sufficient to meet any demands made by aircraft.

ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF DR ADENAUER Bomb In Parcel Kills Explosives Expert THREE GERMAN POLICE OFFICERS WOUNDED

From DENIS MARTIN

Munich, Mar. 27.

Germany's new Nazis tonight tried to kill 76-year-old Federal Chancellor Dr Konrad Adenauer with a bomb wrapped in a brown paper parcel.

The bomb did not reach Dr Adenauer, but in the cellars of the Munich police headquarters—only a mile from the beer cellar of the famous Hitler putsch—it went off killing an explosives expert and gravely wounding three police officers.

Within minutes of the explosion police chiefs throughout Western Germany were warned "Look out for books containing lethal explosives, addressed to leading members of the Government."

Police cars with seven screaming sirens raced through the crowded city streets to seal off the police headquarters.

Later, two boys told the Police President, Dr Ludwig Weissmann, a strange tale.

"On our way home to dinner," they said, "two men stopped us in the square right in the centre of the city. They asked us to post a parcel wrapped up in brown paper. It felt like books and it was addressed to Dr Adenauer in Bonn."

But the boys took the parcel to police headquarters. An explosives expert was immediately summoned. With three police officers he took the parcel into the "bomb cellar"—a room with concrete walls nine feet thick.

A few minutes later there was a tremendous explosion.

Police spokesmen said tonight they believe the plot to originate from Germany's new Nazi groups. A Nazi rally is taking place in the city tonight and the chief speaker is one of General Ernst Otto Remer's "Gauleiters"—Dr Fritz Doris—London Express Service.

IGNITER IN BOOK

Reuter reports that in the parcel had been a book with an igniter which was set off by opening the wrapping, he added. The cellar of the police headquarters was completely shattered.

The police said they believed that the boys' suspicions were aroused because they remembered the parcel bomb outrage in North Germany last November, in which two people were killed.

The fire brigade expert, Karl Reichert, answered the police summons although he was suffering from influenza. He put the parcel on a table in the

The Victim Who Escaped



DR KONRAD ADENAUER

cellar. Before starting to open it he told all others in the room to leave and close the iron door behind them.

The bomb apparently went off too quickly, for the policemen and two Munich newspaper reporters were also injured.

First eyewitness reports said that several people were carried away in stretchers.

Dr Weissmann has imposed a news blackout pending enquiries into the cause of the explosion. The area was cordoned off and all available police squads were called to the scene.—Reuter.

EXPRESSSES REGRET

According to United Press when Dr Adenauer left the villa of President Theodor Heuss later tonight, he expressed deep regret and said, "I will do what I can for the injured."

The police described the parcel as 12 inches long, nine wide and eight deep, tied with heavy cord and wrapped in brown paper. The name of the sender as written on it was Professor Berghof of Frankfurt.

The Chancellor was away in Bonn, where he met the three Allied High Commissioners earlier today. He later left his office for dinner at the home of President Theodor Heuss.

This is the first known attempt on Dr Adenauer's life. A Bremen newspaper publisher and a girl were killed recently by mailed bombs in North Germany. A disgruntled job-seeker is awaiting trial on the charge of posting them.—United Press.

Snowfalls In Europe

London, Mar. 27.

Snowfalls were reported in scattered areas of Europe today.

In Copenhagen, 10 degrees Fahrenheit of frost were registered in the Town Hall Square this morning due to icy air blown in from the White Sea.

But in Holland bulb fields began to burst into vivid colour in sunshine which displaced yesterday's snow showers.

Austria had heavy snowfalls last night. The waters of the river Danube rose but there was no acute danger of flooding.

On the Arlberg road an Austrian bus and a French car were buried by an avalanche while the drivers tried to clear the road. A woman in the French car was rescued through one of the windows. Both vehicles were dug out later by 80 French Alpine Chasseurs holding manoeuvres in the district.

An American helicopter today flew rice supplies to 1,400 half-starved villagers cut off by late winter snows on the northern Japanese mainland.

The villagers had been without food for several days.—Reuter.

Honeymooners Stranded

Life of Wight, Mar. 27.

A London honeymoon couple staying in the Isle of Wight were stranded all night on a cliff face in heavy rain after being cut off by a rising tide.

The couple, Mr and Mrs David J. Budd, of Camrose Avenue, Edwars, had set out to walk along the beach from Alum Bay to Tolland. After struggling through treacherous clay, they had to seek refuge from the tide on the cliffs until five o'clock in the morning.

As their landlady had gone to bed early they were not missed and no search party was sent out.—Reuter.

Spy Is Allowed To Escape

American Action

Bonn, Mar. 27.

American officials disclosed today they let an accused German double agent leave Germany—to escape West German authorities who charge that he sold his fellow countrymen into Russian captivity.

He is Hans Kemnitz, subject of a long and bitter dispute between the Americans and Germans.

A former German Intelligence officer, Kemnitz served as an agent for both the Americans and the Russians in Berlin after the war. The Americans took him into protective custody after a Berlin court ruled in favour of a German woman who charged that Kemnitz had betrayed her husband into Soviet captivity—and eventually death in prison.

BITTER PROTESTS

Against loud and bitter German protests, the Americans forced the Berlin court to set aside its verdict. A mixed American-German Commission was to investigate the case but met only a few times and never issued a formal report.

The affair was presumed to be still under investigation when an American spokesman announced today:

"We have informed the Germans that, after considering all aspects of the case, we have permitted Kemnitz to leave Germany."

"We haven't told them where he has gone and we are not telling anybody else."

"As far as the Americans are concerned, the case is now closed."

The American spokesman predicted, however, that there probably would be violent protests in the German Parliament when Kemnitz's departure becomes known.

Since they also had used Kemnitz as an agent, the Americans apparently felt they couldn't let him be subjected to unrestricted German retaliation.—Associated Press.

Eisenhower To Resign?

Paris, Mar. 27.

General Dwight Eisenhower plans to announce resignation from his post as SHAPE Commander-in-Chief about April 2, well informed sources said here tonight.

The general will make the announcement either the day he submits the first annual report on the state of the European defence or shortly afterwards, it was added.

This report is expected to be published on April 2.

Since General Eisenhower's successor is not expected to be named until about six weeks after the general announced his resignation, Eisenhower will probably remain at his post until the second half of May, it was said.

The Atlantic Council would in that case meet about June 1 to choose a new Commander; these sources pointed out.

It was added that General Eisenhower's successor would undoubtedly be an American.—France-Press.

Tory Govt. Makes Concession Tones Down Health Service Charges

London, Mar. 27.

The Conservative Government today placated a section of its own backbenchers by toning down proposed charges under the hitherto almost free-State health service.

The Government, which is engaged in a drastic economy drive, had announced that it intended to make the public pay up to £1 for dental treatment. The only exceptions would be nursing mothers, children up to 16 years and very needy people.

GOLD RUSH FEVER IN AUSTRALIA

Wedderburn, Mar. 27.

Gold rush fever has again gripped this normally drowsy little farming town, where a farmer dug up £25,000 worth of gold in his backyard two years ago.

Les Hall, aged 58, said he found a 27-ounce gold nugget worth about £2450 only a few inches below the surface—and just opposite to Farmer Dave Butterick's famed backyard.

Since Hall broke the news other hopefuls, with their eyes glued to the ground, walk the streets, kicking at stones and looking for glint.

Hall quickly put the nugget in his pocket, went to the local tavern and had a few rounds of drinks with the boys. He did not say a word until he had formally pegged his claim.

Wedderburn had been returning to its usual tranquillity since the glided dreams of the "big rush of 1950" had regrettably grown tarnished.

After the news broke of Butterick's backyard fortune—which he had kept a closely guarded secret for 18 months—the town was besieged by fortune-seeking folk, sightseers, photographers and reporters.

Streets and back gardens were dug up, shafts sunk and little more gold was unearthed.

Experts warned that the field under the town had been thoroughly worked over around 1895 but the residents remained convinced that beneath the town's main street ran an untouched gold reef worth millions.—Reuter.

New French Offensive In Indo-China

Hanoi, Mar. 27.

French Headquarters announced today that the offensive launched against Communist rebels two days ago in central Vietnam has been completed and that French Union troops are "mopping up" the area west of a point some 20 miles from Hue, the capital of Central Annam, 380 miles north of Saigon.

The Headquarters said that the operation consisted of an amphibious landing covered by heavy fire from the French cruiser "Le Malin" and several battalions of airborne troops flown in from garrisons in Tonkin.

The most important battle in this attack, French headquarters said, took place yesterday when French Union troops engaged elements of the crack 101st Vietminh Regiment along the coastal area near Hue.

According to military sources some 50 rebels were killed and 200 wounded. A number of prisoners were taken.

Franco-Vietnam losses were reported to be two killed and 14 wounded.

The announcement from French Headquarters said that fighter planes based on the French aircraft carrier "Armanche", cruising off the coast of Annam, yesterday effected 38 sorties, plastering the Heds with high explosive bombs and napalm to "soften" resistance for amphibious and airborne landings.—United Press.

Never Again To Be Chief

London, Mar. 27.

The House of Commons, by 308 votes to 286, today approved the British Government's decision to exclude Seretse Khama permanently from chieftainship of the Bamangwate tribe in Bechuanaland.

It defeated a Labour (Opposition) motion criticising the Government's policy.

Liberals joined the Labour Party in today's voting.—Reuter.

Japan's Budget Approved

Tokyo, Mar. 27.

Japan's 1952-53 Budget was adopted today despite sharp opposition to costs under the heading of defence, which had been linked with the possibility of rearmament.

Political sources here considered the passage of the Budget, which will cover Japan's first post-occupation year after the ratification of the peace treaty, as a major Government victory.

The Budget of 852,700 million yen (£852,700,000) includes 65,000 million yen (£65 million) for joint defence expenses with the United States and 50,000 million yen (£50 million) for national security.

The Prime Minister, Mr Shigeru Yoshida, defended the latter item as being for "self-defence" units and not rearmament.

The Government, however, will have to face further stiff opposition when they present new legislation to replace the Occupation ordinances, local newspapers predicted today.

It was said that the main criticism will be directed against a "bill to prevent subversive activities" which the Government are to present to the Diet almost immediately.—Reuter.

GOOD PROGRESS

London, Mar. 27.

A girl whose lungs were so small that she could not cry when she was born 13 weeks too soon 37 days ago, is making good progress in a Bristol maternity home.

The baby, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hens Green of Redland Bristol, weighed 1 lb. 13 oz. at birth and now weighs 2 lbs. 10 oz.—Reuter.

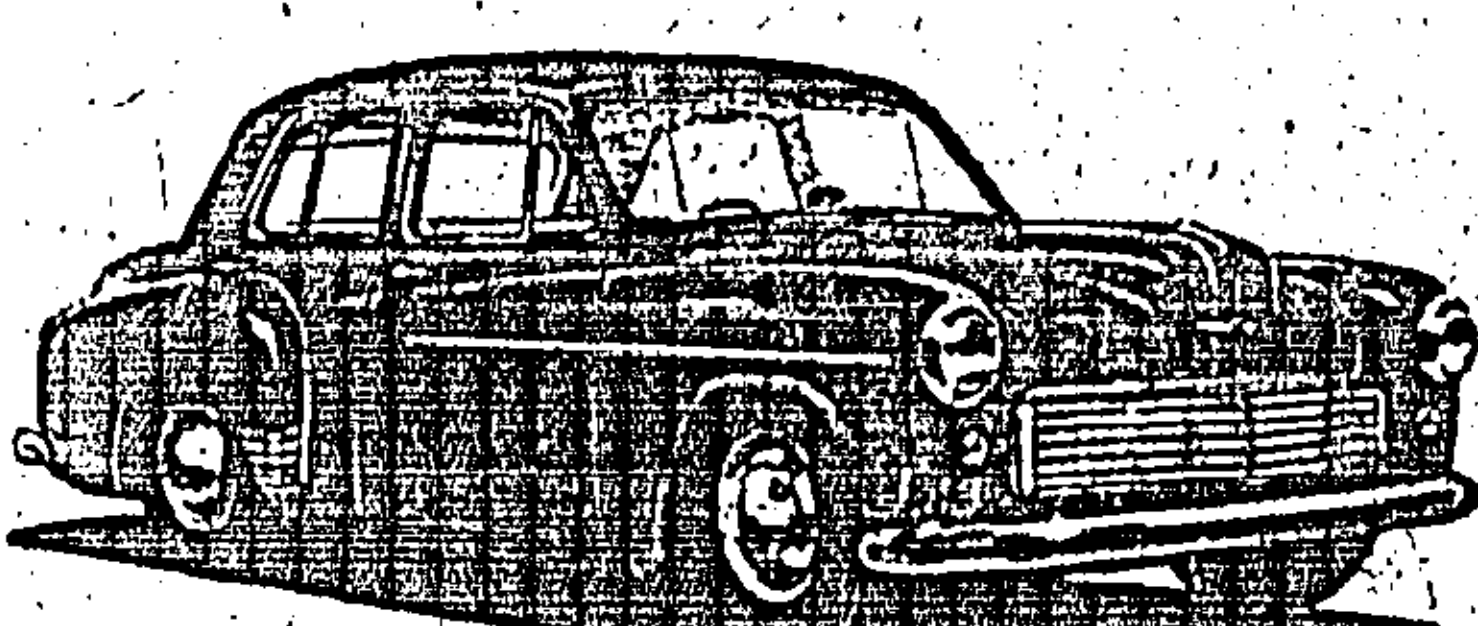
Death Of Noted Industrialist

London, Mar. 27.

Sir James Callender, 75, who has died at Newby Bridge, Lancashire, was Director of Vickers Armstrong Limited from 1936 to 1945, and of Vickers Limited from 1945 until his retirement in 1947.

He was associated with Vickers for 47 years, rising from draughtsman to be General Manager of the Shipbuilding and Engineering Departments and General Manager of the naval yard.—Reuter.

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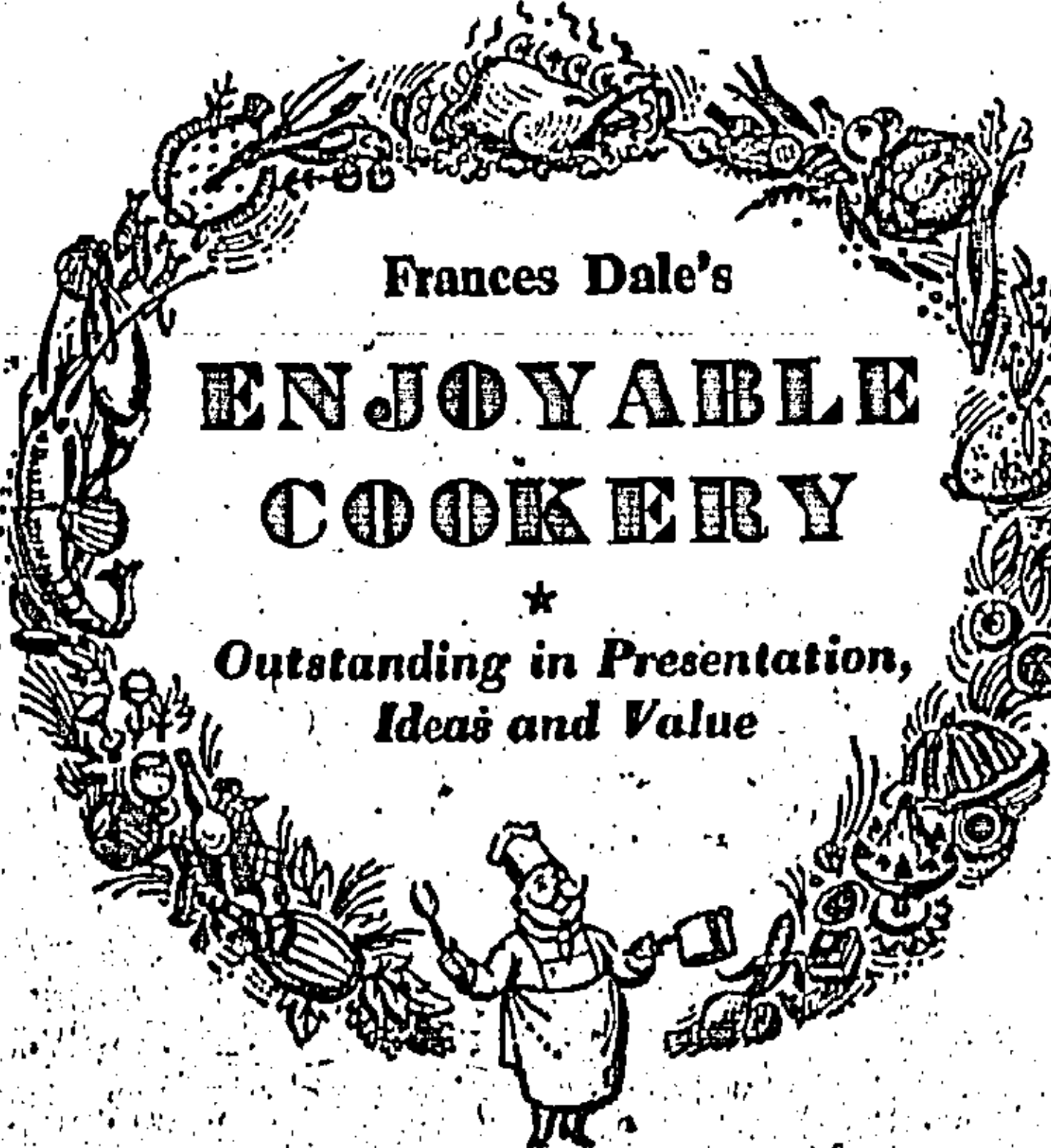
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London Losing A Landmark

London, Mar. 27.—The end of London's oldest tram route and last of the all-night tram services takes place on Saturday, April 5, with the closing down of the Kingsway tram subway.

This will be the final passing of the last tram from North London and marks the end of London Transport's two-year plan to replace all trams by buses.

Thirty more miles of tram routes will disappear. —Reuter.

Youthful Premier Sworn In

Colombo, Mar. 27.—Cambridge-educated cricket-loving Dudley Senanayake, 41, was sworn in last night as Prime Minister of Ceylon. He took over the mantle of his father, Don Stephen Senanayake, who died last Saturday after a fall from a bolting horse.

The new Prime Minister is one of the youngest in the British Commonwealth. He is popularly regarded here as this tiny Dominion's most eligible bachelor. His personal political views lean towards Fabian Socialism. He now leads the powerful United National Party which is a bitter foe of Communism.

Mr. Senanayake has been Minister of Agriculture for the past five years.

The young leader was loath to take over the Premiership and only did so after extreme pressure was brought on him by members of his party and key industrial and business representatives.

Mr. Senanayake had promised to support Sir John Kotelawala, Transport Minister and nephew of the late Premier, for the top post. However, these moves compelled him to take on the job himself with Sir John's constant support.

Industries Minister G. G. Ponnambalam threatened to resign. Six leading Parliamentarians representing planting and business interests informed the Governor-General that they preferred the late Premier's son to lead Ceylon. Nineteen backbenchers in Parliament threatened to quit unless Dudley Senanayake took over.

Mr. Senanayake then consented to take over the leadership and immediately called on Sir John, who agreed to return to the Cabinet in his old post as Transport Minister. —Associated Press.

Queen To Honour Grenadiers

London, Mar. 27.—The Queen is to present her company colour, the Royal Standard of the Regiment, to the Queen's Company, 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, formerly the King's Company. Made of crimson silk, it awaits the Queen's final approval of the Royal cypher.

The presentation will probably take place privately at Buckingham Palace.

Special regulations govern the flying of the Standard. It is carried only when the Regiment is on ceremonial duties in the presence of the Queen. When the Battalion provides a guard of honour, it will be the Queen's Company and the Standard will be carried.

The Duke of Gloucester will present new colours to the 1st Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment, of which he is Colonel-in-Chief, at Gloucester on April 26.

On April 27 the Duke, accompanied by the Duchess, will attend a service in Gloucester Cathedral in thanksgiving for the return from Korea of the 1st Battalion, and will unveil a War Memorial Chapel. —Reuter.

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Pilgrimage During The Eclipse



An elderly Hindu sings to the accompaniment of drums at the pilgrimage to bathe in the River Hooghly, Calcutta, during the eclipse of the sun. Others made a pilgrimage to various pools which Hindus believe were sanctified by Nahrma, the Creator, joining in mass demonstrations of piety while the Sun God fought and won the two-hour battle with the demon Rahu. —Express Service.

US Planning Expansion In Japan's Trade With Asia

Washington, Mar. 27.

The Mutual Security Agency reported to Congress today that the \$258,000,000 requested for the 1953 mutual security programme for the Far East will benefit Japan by enlarging its trade with South-East Asia.

It pointed out that this aid will stimulate shipments of raw materials to Japan and enlarge markets for Japanese production throughout the area.

The Mutual Security Agency urged Congress to appropriate \$34,000,000 for aid to the Philippines in the fiscal year 1953 because the Republic is of major political, strategic and commercial importance to the United States.

It also proposed to Congress to spend \$115,000,000 to aid the Nationalist Chinese.

Of this total \$35,000,000 would be for direct military support, \$49,375,000 would be for economic support commodities and \$30,625,000 would be for various other programmes.

The Agency asked for \$85,000,000 to provide aid to Indo-China. The MSA said that this programme would provide \$35,000,000 for direct military support and \$50,000,000 for economic aid.

The Agency asked Congress for \$8,000,000 for Indonesia.

JAPANESE TRADE

The Agency submitted plans to Congress detailing the Far Eastern part of the \$7,900,000,000 global aid programme for the 1953 fiscal year.

In addition to helping the South-East Asian area to resist Communism the MSA said that the programme will help expand Japan's trade with the six recipient countries—Indonesia, Burma, China, the Philippines, India, Thailand and Formosa.

It said: "Expansion of trade between these countries and Japan would be mutually beneficial, bringing Japan raw materials for its industrial economy and bringing countries of South-East Asia not only manufactured consumer goods but also capital goods to help them diversify and industrialise economies."

The plans also indicated the importance of Japan in supplying commodities provided under the Far Eastern aid programme. Between June 1, 1950, and December 31, 1951, it said that Japan supplied 11 per cent of the goods procured for the area. In this respect Japan was second only to the United States which supplied 40 per cent. Four per cent came from Western Europe and five per cent from other areas.

BASIC MATERIALS

The Agency gave no indication as to how much of the 1953 procurements will come from Japan.

The whole of the South-East Asian area would be allocated \$258,000,000 compared with \$180,500,000 in the 1952 fiscal year. Burma would be allocated \$18,000,000 and Thailand \$7,000,000.

In addition the programme would include \$13,000,000 for a basic materials development fund.

This money would be used, the MSA said, to develop increased production of strategic materials for delivery to the

United States stockpile and for United States procurement.

The Far East is an area of crucial importance from the standpoint of the security of free and independent nations—the front line of defence against Communist aggression in Asia.

Its location at the Pacific-Indian Ocean crossroads underscores its strategic significance. Communist aggression in part of this area is not merely a threat, it is an actuality.

The Agency confirmed officially, for the first time, that \$32,000,000 had been allocated to the Philippines in the coming year. It is the same total as the current fiscal year.

A breakdown, however, showed some changes of emphasis. Funds for public health increased from \$3,275,000 in 1952 to \$5,180,000 in 1953; agriculture, forestry and fisheries increased from \$10,455,000 to \$12,035,000; transportation, power and other public works reduced from \$9,025,000 to \$4,630,000; handicraft and manufacturing, mining and other industries increased from \$515,000 to \$775,000; education increased from \$900,000 to \$1,485,000; public administration increased from \$700,000 to \$990,000 and maintenance of supplies reduced from \$10,000,000 to \$6,000,000. —United Press.

REQUEST EXPLAINED

Washington, Mar. 27.—The Mutual Security Agency said today that assistance to Indo-China during this financial year was costing \$24,000,000.

In a pamphlet telling Americans the reason for American assistance to countries in South-East Asia the Agency said its aim was to defend Indo-China and to convert it into a stable and secure area friendly to the West.

"Economically, the aid programme seeks to increase production and offset the drain on the military," it added.

The Agency said, "The danger in South-East Asia is that the people may succumb to Communist pressure when they see no hope in the present system and become convinced that any change can only be for the better."

On Indonesia the pamphlet said that the aid programme would cost \$9,000,000. Seventy-seven per cent of the total was being spent on projects of public health, agriculture, fisheries, forestry and education.

On Formosa it said that the island's economy could not bear the extra burdens of over 1,000,000 refugees and of the large armed forces there. —Reuter.

AID CRITICISED

Washington, Mar. 27.—Mr. William Bray (Republican, Indiana) today criticised the

proposal by the United States Ambassador to India, Mr. Chester Bowles, for a \$1,000,000,000 aid programme to India as ridiculous and impractical.

In a speech prepared for delivery in the House Mr. Bray described the proposal as "another plan in the big global programme of throwing American wealth into other countries in order to change their basic economy to one similar to ours."

As such, it was destined to fail and would do incalculable damage to India, he said. —Reuter.

TEST-TUBE BABIES PREDICTED

New York, Mar. 27.—A Professor of Physiology predicted today that the time is coming when human beings can be made to order through test-tubes in the manner of breeding that is now being used on animals.

Dr. Ralph W. Gerard, of the University of Chicago, told a conference of executives of insurance companies that this breeding could be done through selected human parents who would give their eggs and sperm to a scientific laboratory.

Conception would take place in a test tube. The fertilised egg would be planted in a foster mother and, according to the facts already discovered with animals, he said, the child would truly inherit the qualities of its test tube parents.

The first human step has already been taken in artificial insemination. But Dr. Gerard predicted that it would be a long time before there would be made-to-order humans. He said that we might not want to, because they would be monotonously alike, or they might create castes. —Reuter.

Israeli Flag In Vatican City

Vatican City, Mar. 27.—The Israeli flag appeared for the first time in Vatican City today on a limousine which bore Moshe Sharett, Israeli Foreign Minister, on a courtesy call to Pope Pius.

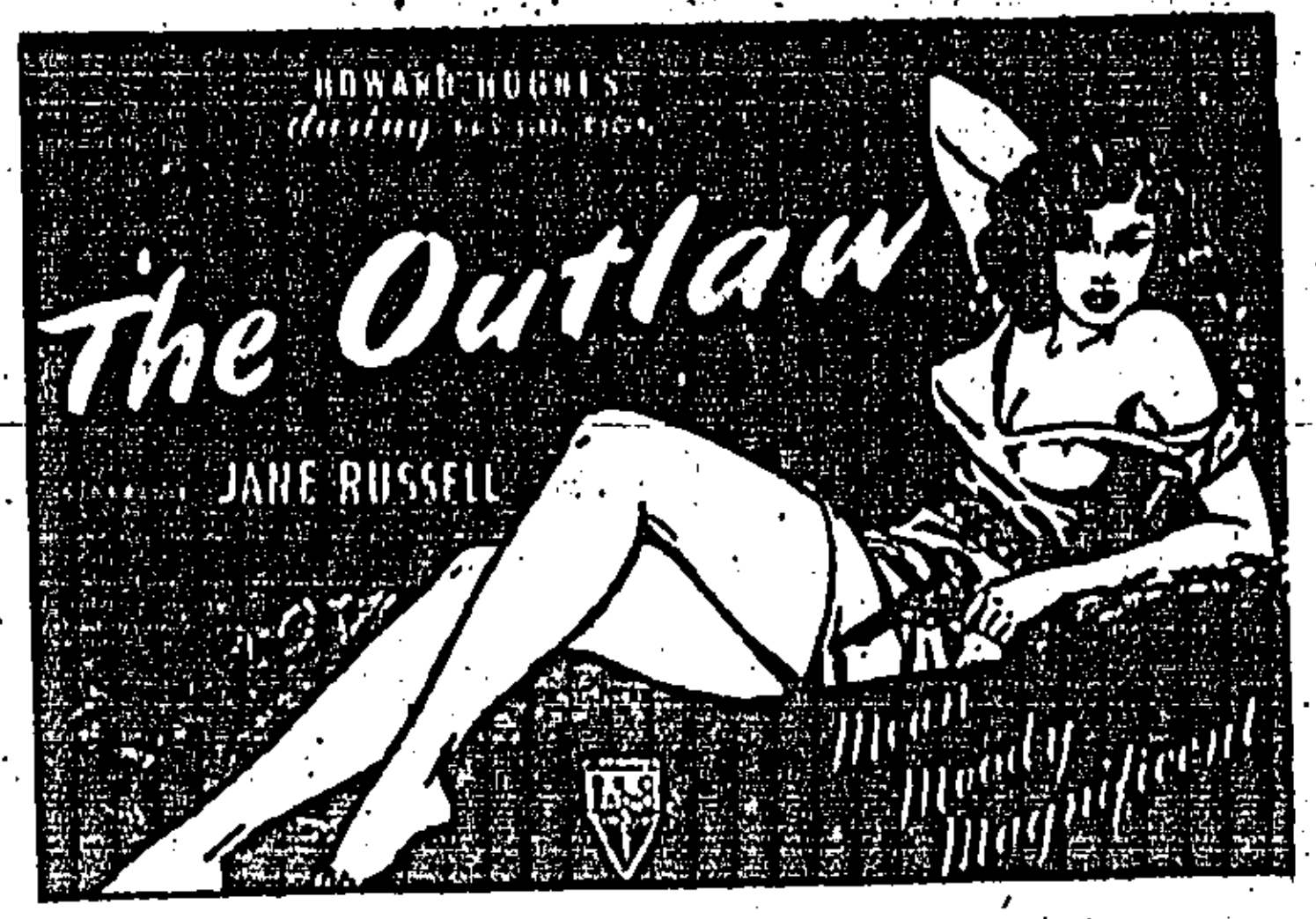
Mr. Sharett was accompanied by his wife and by Moshe Lahal, Israeli Minister to Rome. The private audience, which lasted about 16 minutes, was held in the Pontiff's private library. —Associated Press.

Women's hour!



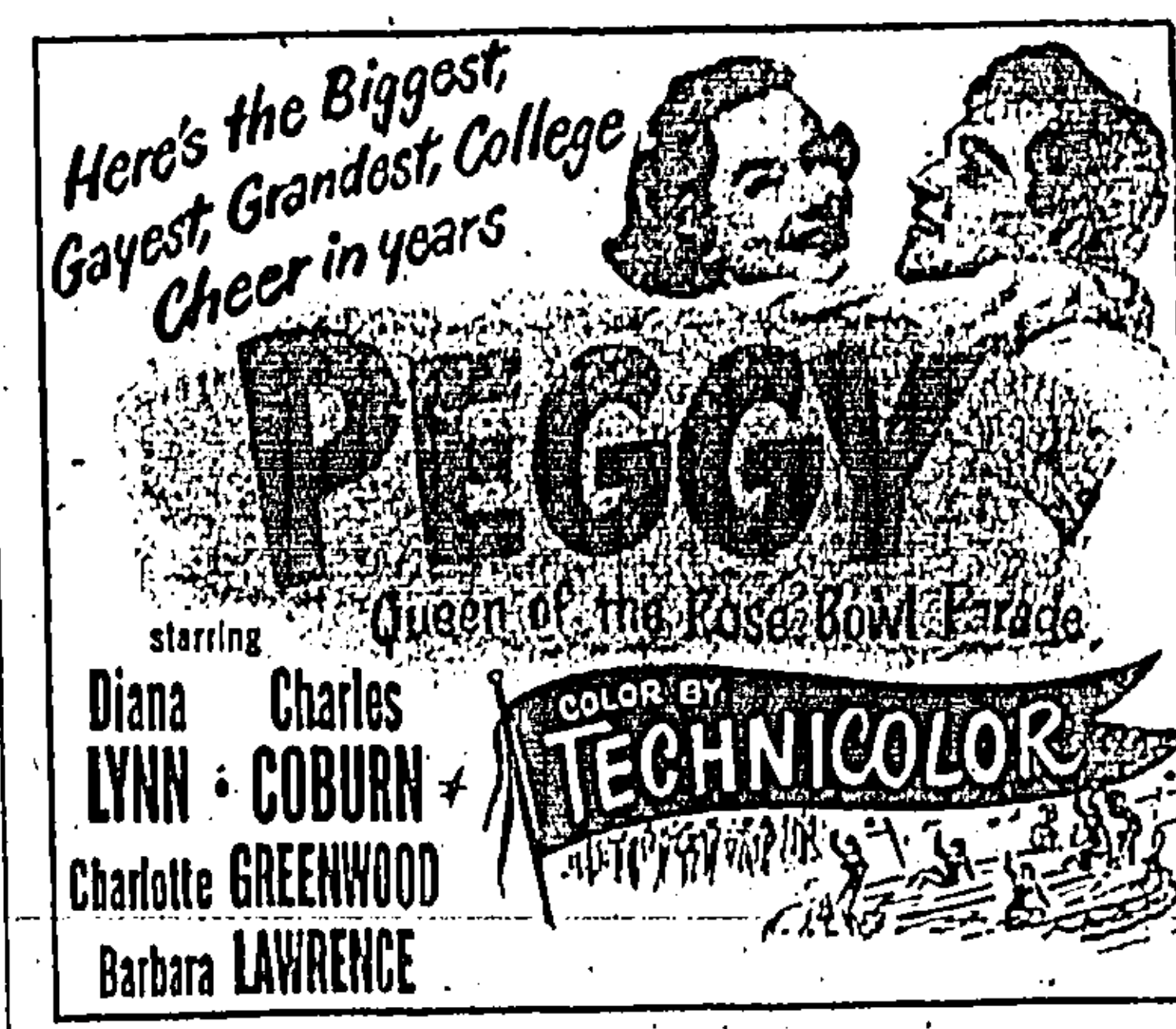
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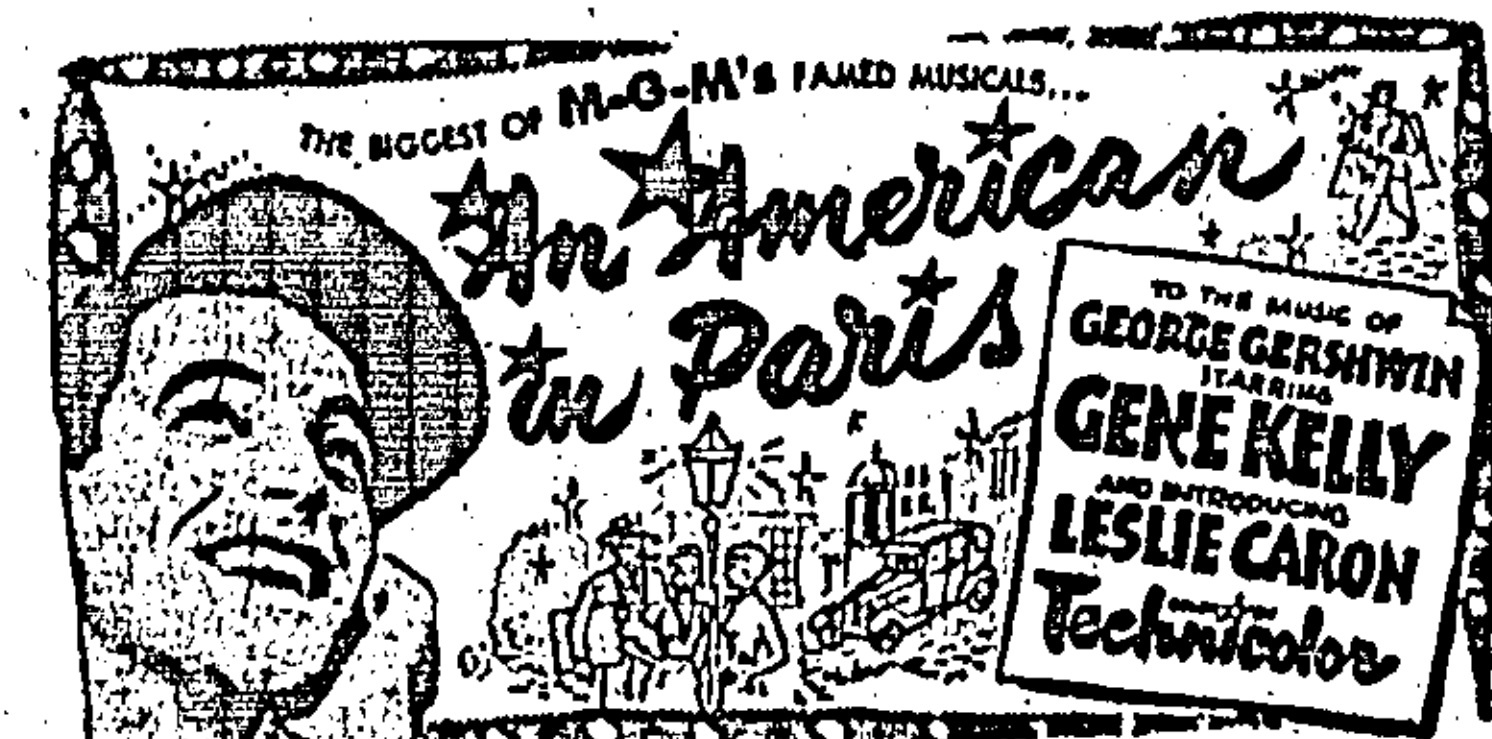
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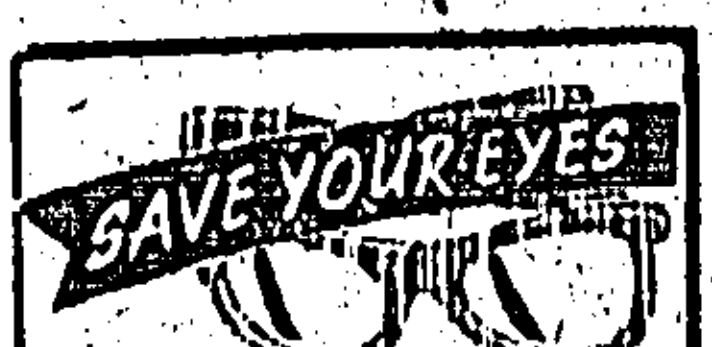
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JAPANESE SECURITY MEASURES

Tokyo, Mar. 27. The Japanese Cabinet is expected to put the final stamp of approval tomorrow on three Government-sponsored measures aimed at controlling subversive activities in Japan.

The measures would replace the Organisations Control Ordinance sponsored by the Occupation and used to restrict the activities of Communists and ultra-Nationalist groups.

Opposition parties have criticised the measures as duplications of the notorious pre-war peace preservation law which was used by the militarists to restrict all critical groups.

The major bill to be considered tomorrow is titled "A Bill to Prevent Subversive Activities."

The Attorney-General, Tokutomi Kimura, said today the measure was aimed at organisations which commit violent and subversive activities. Enforcement would be restricted to situations where there was reason to believe the groups might repeat such activities in the future.

Punitive measures include suspension of the movement of its publications for up to six months, banning group activities for officers and officials of such organisations, and forcible dissolution of the groups.

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Two related measures will be considered along with the anti-subversive bill. One would establish a public security investigation board—a Japanese version of the US Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The second bill would set up a five-man public security review commission to pass on the findings of the investigation board.

The investigating board and review commission would both be under the Attorney-General's office.

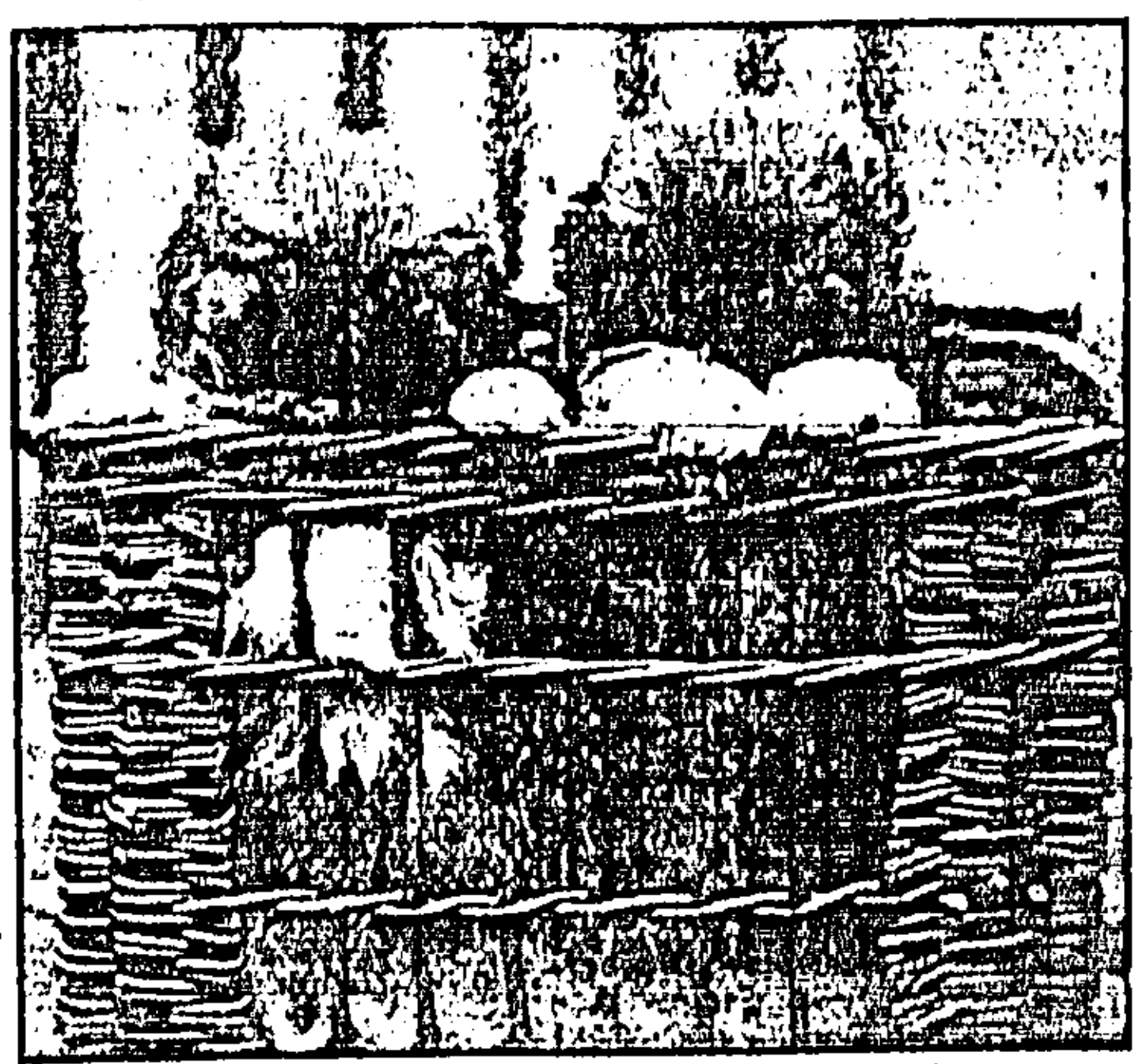
Mr. Kimura said the proposed laws would not be used to restrict basic freedoms. Particularly, he said, they would not be used to control the normal activities of the Press, labour and research organisations.

The three bills were approved by a Cabinet Vice-Ministers conference today.—Associated Press.

Making Punishment Fit The Crime

Hagerstown, Md., Mar. 27. Juvenile Judge Evan Crossley believes in letting the punishment fit the crime. He found eight teen-agers guilty of stealing about 50 pigeons valued at \$300 from three bird raisers. As sentence he ordered them to clean the raided pigeon coops for six months. Judge Crossley said that if the teen-agers did not like the sentence they could serve time in the county jail.—United Press.

STAND UP FOR THEIR RIGHTS



Fenced in, and apparently angry about it, are these two two-month-old Pekinese pups at the Welsh Hall, Gray's Inn Road, London. They won second prize in the Litter Class of the London and Provincial Chinese Club's championship show. — Reuterphoto.

Tariff-Free Farm Produce Market In Europe Planned

Paris, Mar. 27.

Representatives of 16 European nations attending the "green pool" conference here decided today to form a Working Committee to produce a plan for a single tariff-free market for European farm produce.

A full conference of all 16 nations will consider this draft plan between June and September.

A 10-nation sub-committee will decide on the exact tasks and composition of the Working Committee.

The conference also decided today that at their next meeting the "green pool" nations should discuss their relations with non-European countries and also how European non-member countries can be associated with their work.

The next full conference will also discuss in detail the powers of an organisation to control the single European market for agricultural products.

A preliminary conference today discussed the agenda of the full European agricultural conference to be held in Paris between June and September.

The conference will study the setting up of a single organisation uniting all Europe's farmers. Today's meeting decided that the conference should discuss: 1. The products to be put under a single marketing organisation.

Senator Taft Lashes Out At Fellow Republicans As 'Hybrid' Candidates Angered By 'Ike' Supporters

Madison, Wisconsin, Mar. 27.

Senator Robert A. Taft today branded Governor Earl Warren and Harold E. Stassen as "hybrid" candidates in the Wisconsin presidential primary on April 1.

Senator Taft reacted heatedly in a speech at Portage, Wisconsin, to the efforts of Mr. Warren and Mr. Stassen to pick up support from General Dwight D. Eisenhower's backers in the State.

Mr. Stassen last night took the bold step of handing over half his slate of 30 primary delegates to General Eisenhower, and pledged to vote for the General on the first ballot at the GOP national convention.

Senator Taft told his Portage audience:

"I can't see how anybody can vote for a hybrid candidate when they don't know what they are voting for."

The Ohio Republican brushed aside a barrage of questions on New Jersey's action in keeping his name in that State's primary on April 15.

Senator Taft said he sought to withdraw and, in any case, told his New Jersey backers to drop his campaign there.

Meanwhile it is reported from St. Louis, Missouri, that the Post-Dispatch reported today that President Truman has promised Governor Adlai Stevenson of Illinois his support if Mr. Stevenson nominates the Democratic nomination for President.

"NOT INCLINED"

In a copyrighted story by the newspaper's chief Washington correspondent, Raymond P. Brandt, the Post-Dispatch said that Mr. Stevenson asked Mr. Stevenson to become the Administration's candidate for the presidency.

Mr. Stevenson, the Post-Dispatch said, "is not inclined as of today to accept the President's proposal" but did not close the door in his talks with Mr. Truman shortly before the Chief Executive left for Key West, Florida.

Mr. Stevenson so far has said publicly that he is interested only in running for re-election as Governor. He has no opposition in the Democratic primary due on April 18.

The Post-Dispatch said that Mr. Truman had decided on Mr. Stevenson after talks with political leaders "as the strongest man for continuing the Administration's foreign policy and one who would be a unifying influence within the Democratic Party."

The newspaper said that the President asked Mr. Stevenson for a definite answer by April 12 or at the latest by May 15 when the Executive Committee of the Democratic National Convention meets in Chicago to pick convention officers.

A DAMPER

However, Mr. Stevenson has himself put a damper on reports that he is a dark horse presidential candidate by declaring "I cannot seek and will not seek the Democratic nomination for President."

Mr. Stevenson, speaking in St. Louis tonight, did not elaborate on why he cannot seek the nomination but he repeated his oft-spoken statement that "I am a candidate for re-election as Governor of Illinois and for nothing else."

He added, "I am sure that the President understands my situation."

To his statement that he is only a candidate for Governor, Mr. Stevenson added, "I hope that is all that happens to me."

Only a few years ago Mr. Stevenson said, "This is the season when everyone has dreams of being in the White House but I have no such dreams or visions."

Mr. Stevenson repeated his "I am a candidate for Governor" statement when asked about the St. Louis Post-Dispatch story that Mr. Truman had promised him his support if he won the presidential nomination.

STORY REPUDIATED

From Denver comes the report tonight that Mrs. Dick McCusker had repudiated a copyrighted newspaper story that she had received a letter from Mrs. Eisenhower saying that the General would return to the United States within the next month.

Referring to a story which appeared in an early edition of the Rocky Mountain News, Mrs. McCusker said, "It is very untrue and very unfortunate—I am most embarrassed."

The story said that Mrs. McCusker had received a letter from Mrs. Eisenhower in which the General's wife wrote that she and the General expected to be in the United States at the time of a proposed visit in Paris by the McCuskers.

"The letter was not real, any such thing," Mrs. McCusker said later.

Mr. McCusker, head of the Red Dot Oil Company of Denver, is prominent in Colorado Democratic Party circles.—United Press.

LONDON REACTION

London, Mar. 27. London's financial quarters are tentatively discussing the probable economic consequences of General Eisenhower's strength in the primaries. Views expressed are that it should be generally constructive for world economics, but rather two-sided for specific markets and for the vital problem of the world's supply of dollars.

Senator Taft's knowledge of economics and of international affairs is not underrated in the City of London. It is believed to be far greater than is commonly supposed. But General Eisenhower has vast more international experience, which should be invaluable at a time when so much depends on the United States' role in the world.

Intense political activities in coming weeks and months, it is said, might distract the attention of Americans from the world's dollar problems. As the Republican politician is largely for Taft while the floating voters—who may be decisive—are largely for Eisenhower, the activity would become intense.

In internal economics, General Eisenhower is believed to be an orthodox hard money man. Some decidedly Conservative American have said that they agree with his internal though not with his international policies.

If he became President, General Eisenhower might not challenge the traditional right of Congress that the right policy in dollar times is to reach. That attitude might have important consequences if present deflationary trends abroad spread to the United States. In winding up the British budget debate the Chancellor of the Exchequer said that there was much more danger of deflation and the possibility of unemployment and difficulty in the world in general than was commonly realised. If he is right, a Republican Administration, whether under Eisenhower or Taft, would hardly be likely to indulge in Governmental over-spending to "compensate" for any private under-spending.

MIGHT BE OMINOUS

In any case, the farmer-labour soft money coalition which has been influential in the United States for the past 20 years seems unlikely to survive this year. In the short run, its break-up might have important effects on the spending power and on such things as farm price supports. The change might be ominous for world prices of cotton and some other commodities, though presumably good for gold.

Quite minor retrenchment or recession in the United States could have dire effects on the world's dollar supply. A United Nations study group recently calculated that if employment in the United States fell by merely four per cent in one year, and fully recovered in the next year, the world's dollar supply would be cut over the two years by 10,000 million. The attenuated reserves of Britain and other countries could hardly begin to bridge any such gap.

The effect of General Eisenhower's strength on the flow of foreign aid dollars is unpredictable. If his strength were regarded as enhancing the prospects that the next President will be a Republican, it might reduce the chances of an out-flow of private dollars from the United States by making Americans more inclined to keep their money at home.

The New Hampshire result may have contributed to the strength of the Canadian dollar, since some moneyed Americans think better of the Canadian Administration than of any prospective United States Administration except a Taft one. But they think better of a Republican Administration than of a Truman or any Democrat one.—Reuter.

Twins Set A Record

London, Mar. 27. A doctor reported today that twin live-year-old boys came down with chicken pox twice in six weeks. Second attacks of chicken pox are rare because a first attack almost always confers immunity. C. Spencer Whitehouse, writing in the British Medical Journal, said the twins lived in Birmingham. They caught the disease the first time last November, 12 and the second time on December 23.—Associated Press.

NEW BOAC SERVICE TO JAPAN

(From Our Correspondent)

London, Mar. 27. BOAC's new service through Germany to the Far East—the first time in the history of British civil aviation that such a route has been operated—will start on April 2.

From that date there will be a once weekly service from London calling at Frankfurt and then on to Hongkong and Tokyo via Rome, Cairo, Beira, Karachi, Calcutta, Rangoon and Bangkok.

Passengers will be able to join the service at Frankfurt for Pakistan, India, Hongkong and Tokyo.

Leaving Frankfurt each Thursday the service will arrive at Karachi next day. It will reach Hongkong on Saturday. There is a further night stop at Hongkong and the aircraft will reach Tokyo on Sunday.

The return flight will leave Tokyo each Monday, arriving at Frankfurt the following Thursday.

This once weekly BOAC service linking Germany with the Far East will be operated by pressurised Argonaut airliners powered by four Rolls-Royce engines.

LONDON THEATRE RENAMED

London, Mar. 27. It was announced today that, by the gracious permission of Her Majesty the Queen, His Majesty's Theatre in the Haymarket will henceforth be known as Her Majesty's Theatre.

The present theatre was opened as "Her Majesty's" by the late Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree on April 28, 1897, its name being changed to His Majesty's Theatre shortly after the accession of King Edward VII.—Reuter.

SERETSE DECLINES OFFER

Rejection Of Job In Jamaica

London, Mar. 27.

Seretse Khama, chief-designate of the Bamangwato tribe in Bechuanaland, told a Press conference today that he had refused to accept the Government's decision that he would never be recognised as chief of the Bamangwato tribe in Bechuanaland but would be offered a job in Jamaica.

"By this action the British Government is trying to placate South Africa by offering me a post as far away as possible from South Africa and by a great desire to do right by South Africa even if it means alienating thousands of Africans."

He had informed Lord Salisbury, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, yesterday that he would refuse the offer of a post in Jamaica.

He had no plans for going anywhere outside Britain at present. "Britain," he said, "is prepared to sacrifice thousands of Africans and others who have always believed in British justice, just in order to make South Africa keep within the Commonwealth."

Seretse said that it was not until after his marriage to a white London girl that South Africa had passed legislation making inter-marriage a crime.

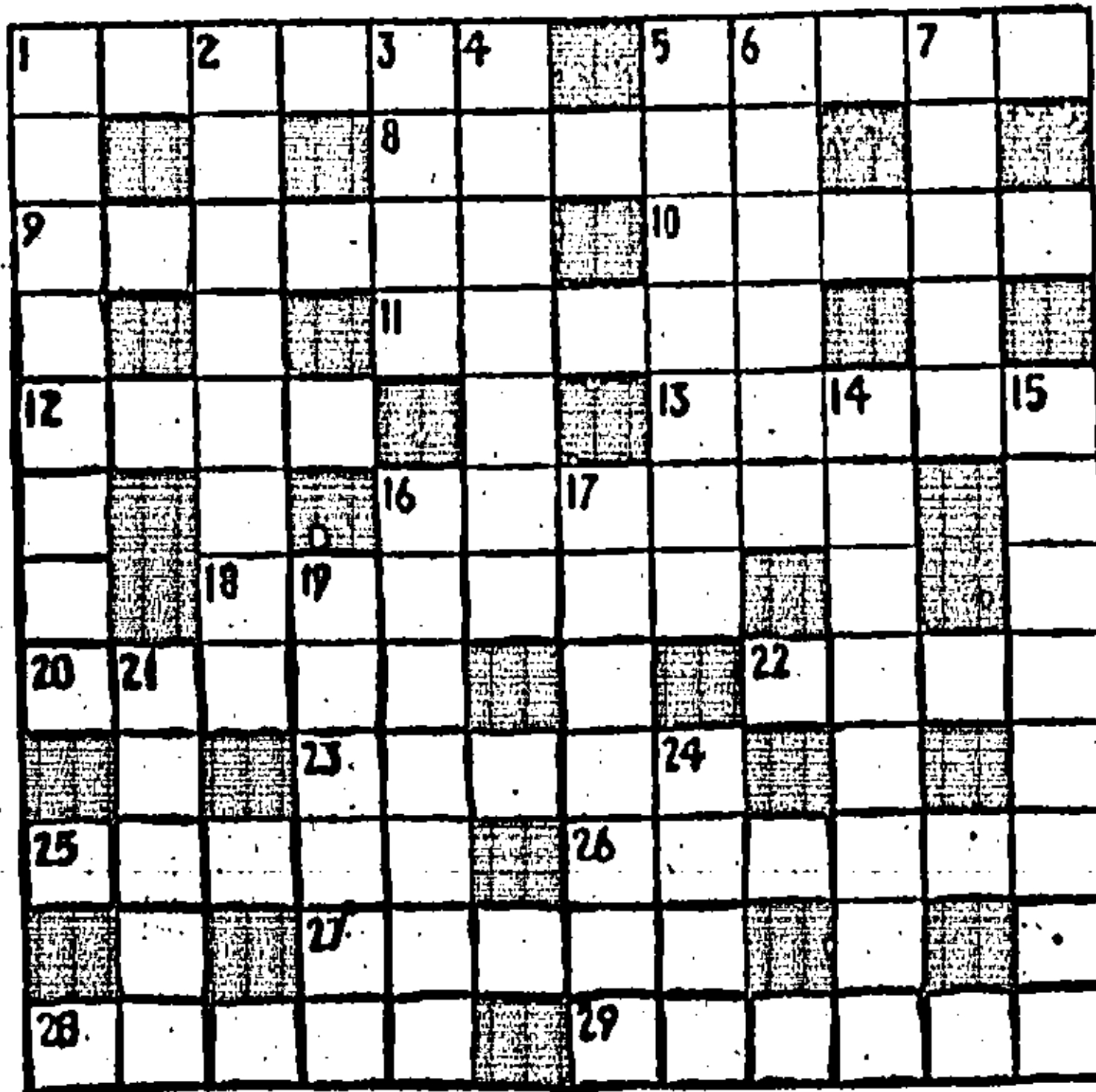
WILL FIGHT. Seretse disclosed that the job offered him in Jamaica had a starting salary of £770 a year in addition to his present allowance of £1,100.

He would go on fighting for the right to return to his people but would continue his legal studies here in the meantime. He had no idea who the British Government had in mind as his successor. His next in line of succession after Tsekeledi Khama (Seretse's uncle and former Regent) and Tsekeledi's children.

The announcement that Seretse had no hope of returning as chief to his tribe was made in the House of Lords by Lord Salisbury. A similar announcement in the House of Commons brought an immediate demand by Socialist Members for a debate. This was fixed for later tonight.

Mr. James Griffiths, former Labour Secretary of State for the Colonies, said: "Does not the Government realise, in view of what is happening in South and Central Africa now, that this can only lead to the gravest possible disturbance?"—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Tree (6). | 1 Peculiar (8). |
| 2 Out of humour (5). | 2 Atom (8). |
| 3 Of importance (5). | 3 Among (4). |
| 4 Vegetable (6). | 4 Matured (7). |
| 5 Ingenious (5). | 5 Warship (7). |
| 6 Entry in account of sum owing (5). | 6 Speaks eloquently (8). |
| 7 Deposited (4). | 7 Small piece of turf (5). |
| 8 Trials (5). | 8 Pudding ingredient (8). |
| 9 Bear witness (6). | 9 Term of imprisonment (8). |
| 10 Chief (6). | 10 Discourages (7). |
| 11 Heat unit (5). | 11 Act of self-mutilation (7). |
| 12 Puncture (4). | 12 Full head (8). |
| 13 Blinding about (5). | 13 Quite a number (4). |
| 14 Idea (6). | |
| 15 Ordain (5). | |
| 16 Inclines (5). | |
| 17 Property (6). | |

1 YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 3 Snug, 7 Quire, 8 Rout, 9 Ed, 10 Caspade, 12 Wrap, 15 Elder, 16 Idly, 19 Emily, 21 Bodeo, 22 Span, 23 Taper, 26 Glad, 29 Deliver, 30 Amid, 31 Menu, 32 Septa, 33 Bump. Down: 1 Rural, 2 Precede, 4 Meloe, 5 Grew, 6 Puma, 8 Eddy, 11 Allot, 13 Ruin, 14 Purl, 16 Roper, 17 Brog, 18 Idea, 20 Mariner, 22 Sped, 24 Odium, 25 Rerit, 27 Loe, 28 Daub.

Envoy Sees Franco

Madrid, Mar. 27.

The new United States Ambassador to Spain, Mr. Lincoln McVeigh, talked with General Franco for 20 minutes today following the ceremony of presenting his credentials. The Ambassador had a friendly reception from Madrid crowds as he drove through the town.—Reuter.

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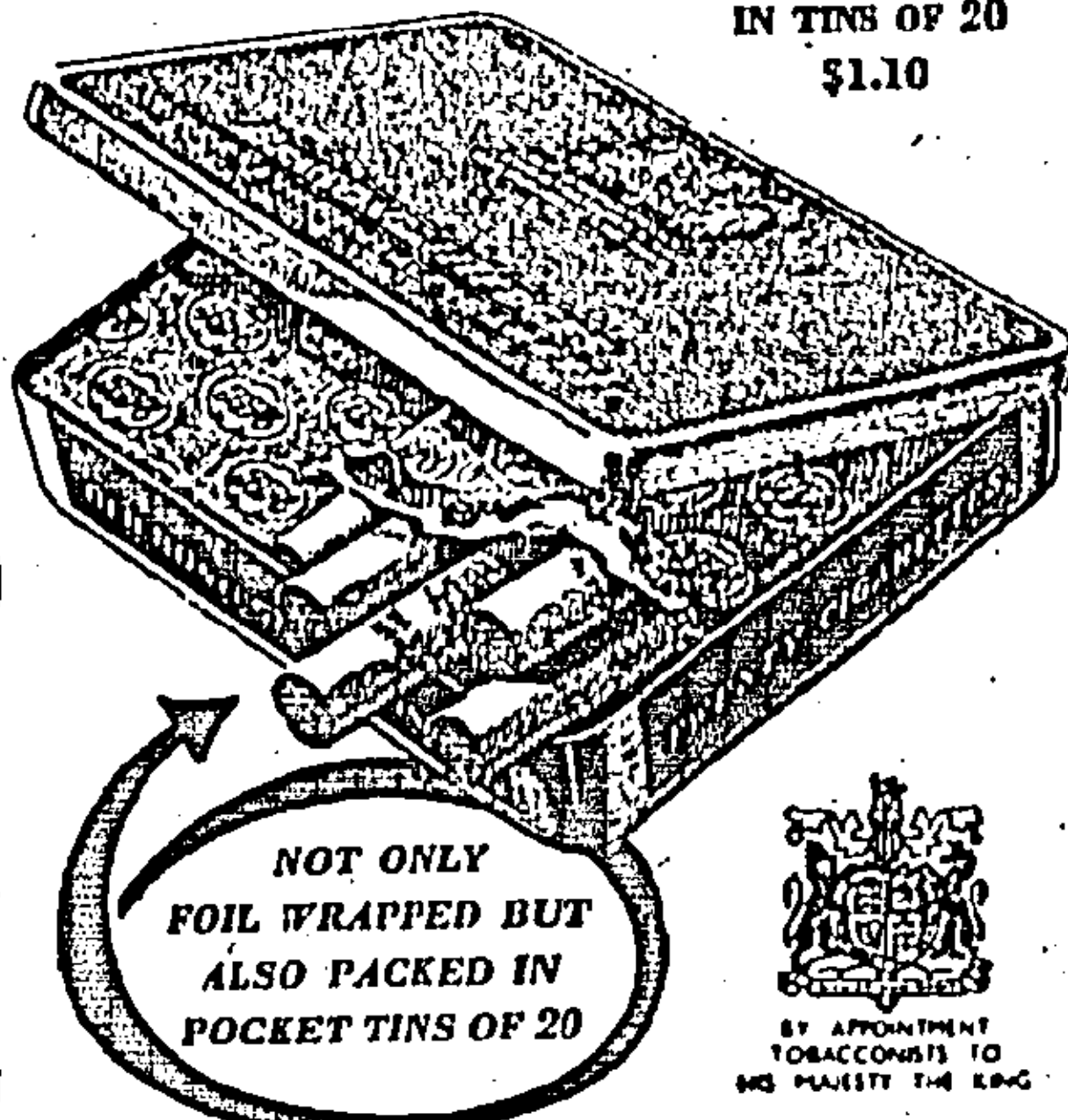
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OUT OF THE SUN, INTO THE HEAT

I LEAVE the red-hot sunshine of Florida and return to Washington—where I find the atmosphere red-hot with some of the most bitter invective I ever remember hearing, even in the nation's capital.

In the Senate we have Senator Walter George, Georgia, chairman of the Finance Committee, turning on his Democratic boss, President Truman, with these most unparliamentary words:

"The most charitable thing I can say about his personal character and personal integrity is 'No comment,' but he is the poorest advocate of a cause, good, bad, or indifferent, that the world has ever produced."

THEN there is the amazing Newbold Morris, the President's "craft chaser," who produces yet another of the rowdiest verbal braaws heard in months at the Senate committee hearings about his law firm's connection with a surplus tanker deal.

Disregarding the card on which his wife had written in block capitals "Keep your shirt on!" Morris really lets go.

He accuses the Senators of having "diseased minds," and complains of "the vile atmosphere in Washington."

Then he shouts at Senator Richard Nixon, 40-year-old Republican: "When you're 20 or 30 years older, maybe you'll be more like a gentleman."

"Childish!" "Emotionally unfit for this important job!"—counter the enraged Senators.

INCIDENTALLY, on the plane from Key West into Miami, I found myself sitting just behind one of President Truman's top White House advisers, John Stesman. He was engrossed in

a newspaper story reading every word with absorbed attention. It turned out to be the report of the day's proceedings at the Newbold Morris hearings.

IN NEW YORK, counsel for Alvin Karpis, brilliant ex-Secretary of the Treasury, official now in goal for perjury, requests a third trial for his client. He says he has fresh evidence showing that the battered old His typewriter on which his wife Priscilla was said to have copied out top secret documents was a fake, laboriously constructed by someone and then "planted" in the attic where it was found.

THE POLITICAL dust settles in New Hampshire. And many political experts say that two slogans have been immeasurably strengthened by the twin upsets. They are "Truman Must Go" and "Taft Can't Win."

ONE FEATURE of the Eisenhower campaign I haven't yet seen stressed is the large number of women who are ardently throwing themselves into his camp. Undoubtedly the girls like Ike.

VIVIEN LEIGH and Marlon Brando, the tempestuous "Scarface" team, are probably going to make a film together again. Jack Warner wants them to co-star for him in "Black Ivory," all about the efforts of a Frenchman to win an American bride.

FAVOURITE HEADLINE (referring to the ousted Cuban President Carlos Prío) in the New York Daily News: "Prío awarded right to scream."

THE HUMAN TOUCH: Washington liquor shops are selling respectable whisky at a bottle—but only two to a customer.

R. M. MacCOLL

HOW the Communists are working to capture the good will of London's students: A report by
ROBERT KINGSLEY

AS the crow flies, Prague is roughly 650 miles from the centre of London's student quarter in Bloomsbury.

But some coloured students at London University might be pardoned if at times they felt Prague was more accessible to them than Richmond or Cockfosters.

For Prague is the front office from which the Cominform directs propaganda to students this side of the Iron Curtain; the headquarters of the International Union of Students is also in Prague.

From Prague, the Communists reach out to win the good will of the young men and women from West Africa, the West Indies, Malaya and elsewhere, who are studying at London University.

HAND-PICKED

How is it done? In Britain as a whole, there are probably 600 students and apprentices from the Colonies, 5,000 from India and Pakistan, and another 5,000 from countries such as Burma and Persia. The great majority of these work in and about London.

THE LONELY HEART... & THE FRIENDLY GIRL

Roughly two-thirds of them are "sponsored," which is to say they have been to varying degrees hand-picked for their academic accomplishments or promise in their own countries. In this country there are various organisations that look after them.

The other third consists of hopefuls who come here on their own, some properly qualified educationally, many not qualified at all. It is among this last group that Communists find their best hunting. A boy who comes here from Africa, say, without his matriculation, yet hoping to find a place in a university hard-pressed to accommodate those properly qualified, very easily accepts the Communist line that he is barred because of his colour.

'IT'S TERRIBLE'

To that extent, Communism is a dogma for failures.

But there are other means of exploitation open to the Communists. Said a mature and thoughtful man from the Gold Coast, D. A. Fuplampu, of Adowa, who is doing post-graduate work on the languages of his own country, but who was, a few years ago, himself a "fresher" here: "I can't tell you what the loneliness is that people who are new here from Africa feel when

they first come. It is terrible. There seems to be nothing to do at all except walk up and down the streets."

Loneliness is a high card in the Communists' hand. The lonely student, introduced to mixed clubs where colour does not seem to cause the embarrassment or prove the absolute barrier it might in suburban social circles. The girls, trained to be so, are friendly; they are rarely immoral, they are doing a job for the party.

THE FUSSERS

Other clubs offer other inducements—strange "degrees" to be had for the membership fee, perhaps, or a promise of financial help in an emergency. A plentiful supply of Soviet literature is either foisted upon students free or sold at exceedingly low prices.

In fact, the coloured student need not feel lonely. There are probably more facilities for him than for a homesick student from the North of England. But these facilities for making friends have a depressing tendency to be over-organised and what I would call institutional.

A chaplain concerned with the welfare of coloured students summed up the English attitude to them. "It is either," he said, "a case of fear, frigidity, ignorance and insensitivity to their feelings or, and this is equally bad, a fawning, gushing, patronising attitude. What is wanted is for them to be treated as ordinary boys away from home. The more they are treated like English boys the better."

Some students arrive here not knowing what to expect; some

arrive with chips on their shoulders expecting rebuffs. The West Africans were the most deeply sensitive and most easily hurt.

As would be expected, the Left-wing element in the University contains Communists, white and coloured. These make a point of attending functions—lectures, debates and so on—that they know will be attended by coloured students. They strike up acquaintances. After the function they invite their new "friends" to canteens or cafes or refectories. There they start their polemics. And very often they overdo it and bore their audiences.

A West Indian from Trinidad, who is a "fresher" studying science, told me of the harangues. His name was A. R. Sumasar-Rai, and he said: "There are three or four of them come to the hotel where I live when we have lectures. Two are doing law, I know, one is a doctor of medicine. They talk and talk and if all they talk is all they have to offer students I can't see students being very interested."

It's SIMPLE

A "youth festival" to be held in Sheffield at Whitson is now being planned. Apparently it will be an imitation of the international spree for students that the Communists staged in Berlin last summer.

Lonely students at a loose end in London over Whitson are tempted to go to Sheffield. Whether they do, or not is a matter that will be decided, very largely, by Londoners themselves. Let Londoners make the coloured students feel at home in Britain. The way to defeat the Communists is as simple as that.

Concluding This Report Of An Astonishing Interview

LITVINOV'S WARNING WAS A STATE SECRET

By **Richard C. Hottelet**

FORMER Russian Foreign Minister Maxim Litvinov was, politically speaking, the Soviet Klaus Fuchs. The information betrayed by Fuchs advanced the development of the Soviet atom bomb. Litvinov's warning to me that the Soviet could not be trusted or appeased hastened and strengthened the Western resolve to block Soviet aggression. This came at a time when delay or doubt might have made future containment impossible.

It is difficult, and for an outsider perhaps impossible, to tell what decisions were made and what plans were dropped under the impact of Litvinov's words. Yet this much can be said. His views have been top-level reference in the U.S. State Department ever since he outlined them to me on June 18, 1946.

They have been percolated over time and again as different problems have arisen. Litvinov may have been ignored and carelessly tossed into the Kremlin's ash can. But he must have had the satisfaction of knowing that the highest American officials consulted him respectfully and often.

FROM the moment I told the story at the American Embassy, the Litvinov interview was treated as a state secret, of utmost urgency. Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith, flashed it to Secretary of State James Byrnes, who was then in Paris discussing questions like Trieste, the Italian colonies and the future of Germany, with Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov. Mr. Byrnes kept the document in his private safe. In Washington orders were given to keep this message out of the ordinary secret files and to make it available only to a handful of men at the top.

Litvinov's warning did not come as a staggering surprise, as far as its substance is concerned. Men like George Kennan and Charles Bohlen had for years been reporting their same basic estimate of Soviet intentions. But I am told that influential quarters in the State Department—quite apart from Alger Hiss—had honestly been discounting their reports as reflecting embittered "Moscowitis."

It was impossible for any honest man to discount Litvinov. What is more, here

were direct answers to questions about some of the most pressing international problems.

Litvinov had made it clear that Soviet behaviour was not an odd series of cantankerous, unpredictable acts, but a solid chain of policy. It was not based on misunderstanding but on the deliberate conclusion that the earth is not big enough to permit the Communist and non-Communist worlds to live side by side. Litvinov dispelled Soviet propaganda and encouraged American statesmen to follow their convictions.

James Byrnes by that time had no illusions about the Russians. His own offer of a 25-year treaty to disarm and demilitarize Germany, designed to give Moscow its demanded security, had been rejected by Molotov out of hand.

Important problems such as atomic control were still open, however. Public opinion in the United States, as in Britain and elsewhere, insisted that its diplomats approach the Soviet Union with open minds and be always prepared to go more than half way.

It is worth noting the Litvinov interview has been kept for five and a half years, by some eminent friends of mine in journalism and by many people in the State Department.

One of the latter, John Davies, was for a brief time last year exposed to the fatuous or vicious accusation of insecurity and disloyalty in the course of a broadside attack. I consulted John Davies before I went to see Litvinov. One indiscreet word from Davies, and the meeting would never have taken place. After the event we discussed the material at length before it went off to the Secretary of State.

An indiscretion by Davies then would have sent Litvinov to the secret police execution cellar. Yet the old man apparently died a natural death five and half years later.

I saw Litvinov again about a week after our conversation. This occasion was a session of the Supreme Soviet of the RSFSR—the Russian Soviet Federal Socialist Republic, largest of the 16 republics. It met in the vast St. Andrew's Hall of the Great Kremlin Palace. It is a huge room, a good 600 feet long, 200 feet wide and 75 feet high. When Litvinov came into the hall, he took no notice of the bustle but ambled down the rose-coloured carpet to his desk in the second row, in the middle, just in front of the speaker's

stand. He carried a newspaper which he unfolded as he sat down.

For the rest of the evening I never once saw him take his eyes off that paper. When several times he prudently raised one hand to vote yes with the other deputies, Litvinov laid the newspaper on his desk and continued to read. To appreciate the full flavour of this silent demonstration, one must know how little the four-page Pravda or Izvestia has to say, and how incredibly dull that is.

The following week I telephoned Litvinov's office for another appointment, but was told he was on vacation. On August 23 the announcement of his dismissal as Deputy Foreign Minister appeared in Pravda.

IN the winter of 1946, Ambassador Smith saw him trudging along a country road wearing his old grey Foreign Office overcoat. As far as I know, Litvinov never again spoke with an American or an Englishman, probably not with any Western foreigner. In his public life Litvinov had deserved very well of the regime, and he had never figured in internal politics. It was said that he lived in Moscow quietly and in comfortable circumstances.

He did not figure in the news again until January 2, 1952 when Pravda announced that he had died the day before. He was given a second-class funeral with the customary Soviet false pathos. His body lay in state in the conference hall of the Foreign Office, surrounded by wreaths and flowers. A military band played funeral dirges. When the funeral procession was organized, it was led by three young Foreign Office men carrying on small carpet pillows, Litvinov's Order of Lenin, Order of the Red Banner of Labour and Medal for the Valiant, a run-of-the-mill wartime decoration.

NONE of Litvinov's old colleagues—Malysky, Troyanovsky or Alexandra Kollontay—came to his funeral. The highest ranking mourners were Deputy Foreign Ministers Gromyko, Zorin and Gusev.

The heavy was complete. The robots of the Soviet system were burying a free spirit. They did not know that Litvinov had prepared himself an obituary which Pravda would never print, and that he had left a heritage of scorn which Josef Stalin, now that he knows it, will never forget.

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(THE END)

The Folies—neither art nor culture But What Engineering?

Paris

ONE hundred and sixty thousand pounds worth of spangled, feathered tourist bait was cast with a strictly Parisian "boom" along the Grands Boulevards.

It was the 28th Folly of the Folies-Bergeres—naturally the costliest, most brilliant of show business extravaganzas.

The new star of the show, a 22-year-old lovely who began in the back row of the nudés at 10, Yvonne Menard, has been promoted to clothe.

She is, even more, worth seeing and they let her speak a few lines now, too.

New nude star is a young Swedish minarequin, Siv Norden, who takes a bath in 17,000 gallons of tepid water in a glass pool that rises from the stage.

In two and a half hours, 41 fast-moving and fantastic pieces of scenery take you from full-fledged railway trains in the Gare St. Lazare to the smoky depths of a vast opium den and up to the crystal gates of a Negro Heaven.

The opium den is a kind never seen east of the Seine, and the Negro Heaven is strictly the foyer of a Ritz run amok.

While they are building some of these scenes there is time for two rather interesting little sidelights on the orchestra edge of the stage. One is called, rather pitifully "E23" (Foreign travel allowance for Britons) and the other "United Nations."

Mark well the first. The Frenchman's idea of "un Anglais" green pork-pie hat and tweed jacket straggles bellowing into Paris. In a few swift moves he mixes his drinks and loses his allowance.

A charming young thing complains to him: "The trouble with you English is that you think all Paris lies between the Opera and the Madeleine"—a few hundred yards. She

By CHINA MAIL
CORRESPONDENT

gives him a kiss and a free ticket to the underground and says "Come back with the other £25 next year."

They know something about the cost of living, apparently these French.

The United Nations piece is a satirical picture of the "average European of 1950." He, apparently, will chew gum, twank indecently, drink cold, read books called "Block in the Germanlands," dance the rumba, and shout most of the time unintelligibly.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS
ANNUAL RACE MEETING

Saturday 22nd, Wednesday 26th & Saturday,
29th March, 1952.

(Held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

The First Race will be run at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 Noon, each day. The "tiffin interval" is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are twelve races each day (36 in all). Through Tickets at \$2.00 each may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Club, 1st floor, Telephone House, also ticket at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting on 29th March as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 31st May, 1952. Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for through 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 21st March, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at—

5, D'Almeida Street, Hong Kong
or
392, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules—

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "All Clear" is given. The "All Clear" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

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SETS OF MEMBERS' AND LADIES' BADGES WHICH ARE BEING ISSUED FOR THE 1952 RACING SEASON ARE NOT VALID UNTIL 1ST APRIL, 1952. 1951 SETS ARE VALID UNTIL THEN.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

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Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices, the Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box-holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted to enter the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Members' Betting Hall, Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will make use of various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

PHILIPPINE PAIR EXTENDED BY UNSEEDED CHINESE YMCA COMBINATION By "ARGONAUT"

The Philippines combination of A. Torres Jr. and M. S. Yanga just managed to make the third round of the Men's Doubles event of the Colony Open Badminton Championships, which continued at St. Teresa's Hall last night.

Pitted against the unseeded Chinese YMCA pair of D. C. Lau and P. K. Hooi, the visitors took the first set by 15-8, after trailing behind by 1-5 in the initial stages. Both the Philippine players displayed an excellent defence, but did not appear to combine together too well.

Lau and Hooi held the offensive in the second set and with neat drops and follow-up smashes went to a 7-1 and 11-4 lead. Torres and Yanga rallied to 11-11 but three successive drops by Hooi at this stage and a smash by Lau completed the second set.

The third set saw the visitors with a 6-1 lead, but the local pair passed them at 6-5 and from 6-9, went again into the lead at 10-9.

Yanga was seen at his best at this stage. With good short services, and strong smashes, and first tapping shots, at the net he brought the score to 13-10, only to see the Chinese pair even up at 13-13.

They led 2-1 after deuce was called and went on to score the required three points on their next two services.

LEE EXTENDS YOUNG
In a hard-hitting Singles quarter-final match, the holder Ramon Young was extended to two gruelling sets 10-15 and 12-15 by a fighting C. K. Lee.

Long baseline rallies and hard smashes featured the game, with Young enjoying an advantage with an orthodox backhand.

Lee again upheld his reputation of being a player who

never gives up fighting, particularly in the second set when he drew up from 4-9, 7-11 and 10-12 to 12-12 before gracefully bowing out of the tournament in this event.

In the first set, Lee took a 6-1 lead, but a series of outshots by him enabled Young to reel off six points in a row. Lee again led 8-6, only to concede another string of seven points to give his opponent a commanding lead of 13-8 and the set at 15-10.

In the other Men's Singles match of the evening, ex-Colony Champion R. Tay had a surprisingly easy 15-1 first set passage against F. M. Rozario. Pinned with short services in the first set, the highly strung Rozario constantly pined his opponent with half-court lobs which were put away by Tay's powerful smashes.

Rozario put up a much better show in the second set and was

actually leading by 11-9 before Tay drew level and clinched the set.

THE RESULTS

Results of Colony Badminton Championship matches played at St. Teresa Church Hall last night were:

Men's Singles—Robert Tay beat F. M. Rozario 15-1, 15-11; R. Brown beat C. K. Lee 15-10, 15-12.

Men's Doubles—W. B. Brown and C. K. Lee beat S. Lau and K. Y. Tse 15-6, 15-9; A. Torres and M. S. Yanga beat P. K. Hooi and D. C. Lau 15-9, 15-12.

Ladies' Singles—Miss Stella Correa beat Mrs. Yvonne Park 11-6, 11-5; Miss W. Cheung beat Mrs. Mary Chow and J. Koo 15-12, 15-4.

Men's Singles—J. Koo v. R. Tay.

Men's Doubles—P. Wong & C. K. Lee v. M. T. Lam & W. N. Cheung.

Mixed Doubles—J. A. Soares & Miss Helen Kwong & W. F. To.

Men's Singles—Herb Hock-thye v. P. K. Hooi.

Mixed Doubles—Miss B. Remedios & M. T. Lam v. Miss S. Correa & Bill Funk.

Men's Doubles—W. F. Foo & R. Young v. C. A. Remedios & J. C. Koh.

Men's Doubles—R. Tay & K. Y. Tse v. W. Brown & C. K. Lee.

Ladies' Singles—Mrs. G. Sequeira & Mrs. M. Rozario v. Mrs. M. Gonzales & Miss M. Xavier.

Ladies' Singles—Miss B. Remedios v. Miss T. Remedios.

Men's Singles—A. Torres, Jr. v. J. Koo or R. Tay.

Men's Singles—W. F. Foo v. Bill Funk.

Callover On The Grand National

London, Mar. 27.

Quotations for tonight's Victoria Club callover on the Grand National, to be run at Aintree, Liverpool, on April 5 were:

100 to 9 against Royal Tan, 100 to 7 Freebooter and Ten, 22 to 1 Percy Prince.

25 to 1 Early Mist, Roimond, Icy Calm and Another Delight.

28 to 1 Overshadow and Skyreholm.

33 to 1 Legal Joy, Menzies, Wot No Sun and Border Luck.

40 to 1 Irish Lizard, Dominick's Bar, St. Kathleen II, Starlit Bay and Kelek.

50 to 1 Cloncarraig.—Reuter.

Sharon Loses To Peggy Franks

London, Mar. 27.

Sharon Koehnke of the US was beaten in the first round of the Women's Singles of the English Open Table Tennis Championship today by Peggy Franks, a seeded English player.

The scores were 21-16, 21-11, 21-15.

Miss Koehnke was the only American entry.

The 17-year-old Illinois player has reached the final of the Girls' Junior or Singles and Doubles. These will be played on Saturday afternoon.—Associated Press.

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR HKATFA

The Hongkong Amateur Track and Field Association has been recognized by the International Amateur Athletic Federation as the governing body for athletics in Hongkong.

Notification to this effect was contained in a letter just received by the Hon. Secretaries of the HKATFA from Mr. Jack Holt, Secretary of the IAAF.

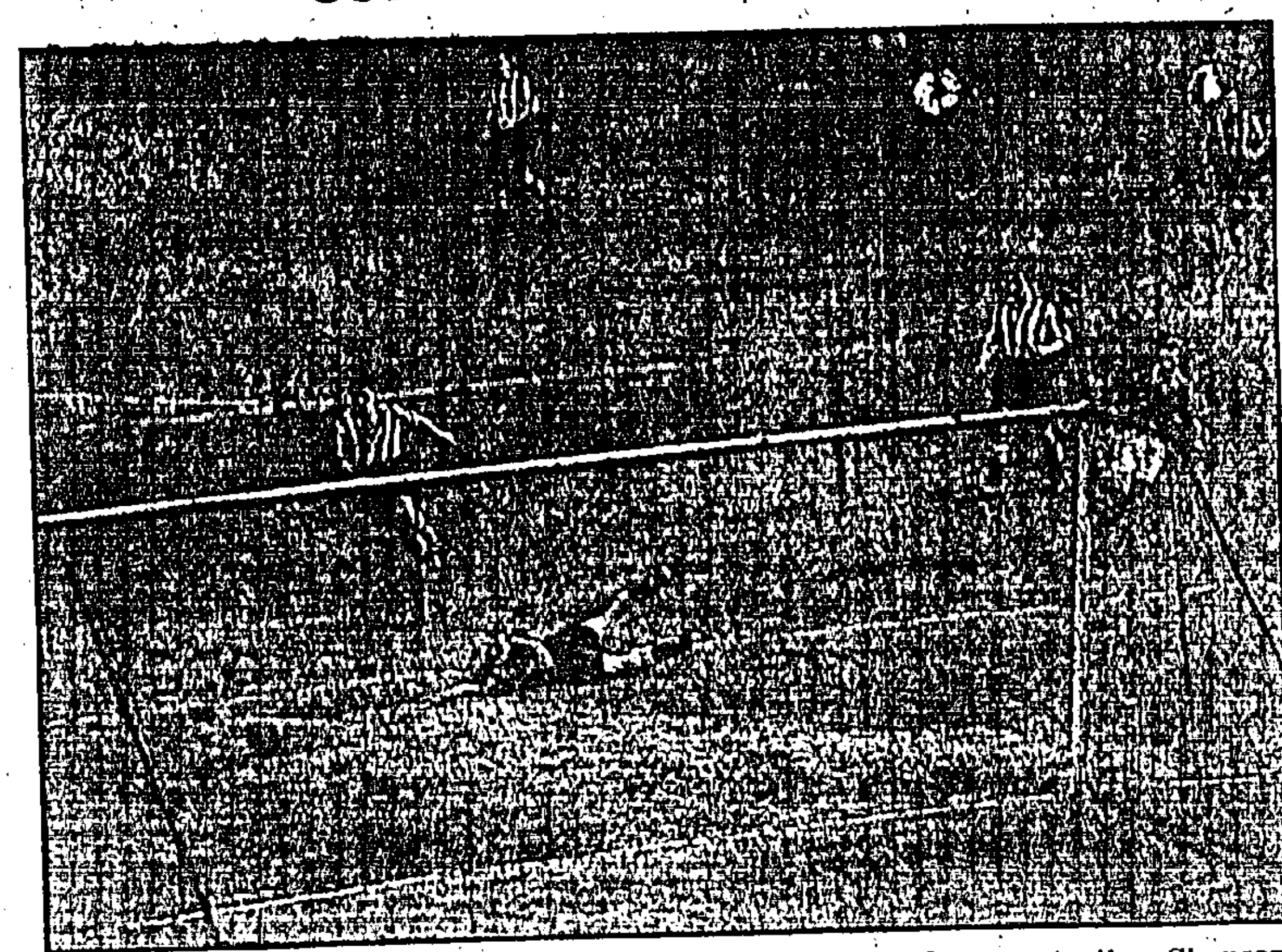
Hongkong is also authorized to participate in international competition. This authorization is provisional, pending its ratification by the meeting of the International Amateur Athletic Federation after the Olympic Games at Helsinki this summer.

Home Football

London, Mar. 27.

Bradford beat Norwich by two goals to nil in a Third Division Northern Section football match today.—Reuter.

CUP FINAL PREVIEW?



Roy Bentley (right foreground), Chelsea's inside-left, seen testing Simpson, Newcastle's goalkeeper, in a League match at Stamford Bridge. Cowell (left foreground), Newcastle left-back, is seen running to assist his keeper. Standing by Bentley is Brennan, Newcastle's centre-half.

These two teams, engaged in the Cup semi-finals on March 29, may be fighting each other for football's greatest honour at Wembley on May 3rd.—Express Photo.

TOMORROW'S HOME SOCCER

Blackburn's Appearance In Cup Semi-final Is A Cinderella Story

Says DENNIS HART

The Cinderella story come true. That describes the appearance in tomorrow's semi-final at Hillsborough, of Blackburn Rovers. Four months ago Blackburn had played 16 Second Division matches and all they had to show for those games was six points. They were well and truly bottom of the table, six points behind the next club.

It was beyond the wildest dreams of their most rabid supporter that they would reach the semi-final of the FA Cup, and even have an outside chance of promotion. But that is what has happened.

How has this amazing transformation been brought about? By lavish spending in the transfer market? Not on your life!

Blackburn indulged in but one big buy. That was Eddie Quigley, whom they obtained from Preston for about £10,000. He helped them turn the corner by scoring six goals in his first six games, which gave Blackburn nine points.

Then he was injured, and subsequently had a long lay-off. But the club's revival continued. And the strange fact about it is that to achieve it they played the same brand of football that had previously kept them in the depths of the League table.

It is to their credit that even when things were going against them they still tried to play good football, and did not resort to "points-at-any cost" tactics.

To complete the fairy story, their semi-final opponents tomorrow are Newcastle, the glamorous Prince Charming of soccer.

On form, Newcastle must be firm favourites, for their star-studded forward line has earned them away victories over clubs such as Tottenham and Portsmouth in previous rounds.

But they can not afford to take game lightly. For Blackburn have a tremendous fighting spirit, and are renowned as a great cup-fighting team. Victory for them in this year's Final would give them a record number of seven wins.

They are already joint holders of the record with Aston Villa, each having won the trophy six times.

OUTSIDE QUESTION MARK
But if there is a small query against the Blackburn-Newcastle semi-final, the other, between Arsenal and Chelsea at White Hart Lane, Tottenham, must have an outside question mark chalked against it.

On the one hand, we have Chelsea, the unpredictable and butt of mule balls for many years. On the other, the mighty Arsenal, most famous football club in the world. Although not the wonder-side of pre-war years, Arsenal are still a great team.

Tomorrow's game recalls the semi-final battles between the clubs two years ago. Then it was not until extra time of the replay that a goal from right-winger Cox earned Arsenal the right to go to Wembley.

Chelsea have further cause to remember Cox. For in the first semi-final, they were leading 2-0 when he scored a freak goal with a shot from near the corner flag. Not content with this, he placed the corner for Leslie Compton to snatch Arsenal's equalizer.

No doubt, Tlekridge, Chelsea left back, was very strict orders concerning the marking of this live-wire player.

Recently Arsenal have been disrupted by injuries, and but for these would be challenging even more strongly for the Cup and League double.

Chelsea will look to the opportunism of inside-right Bentley, who is back to international form, and 20-year-old centre-forward Bobby Smith to track Arsenal's defence. On solid centre-half Harris rests the responsibility of holding the Arsenal attack.

Providing their injured players, Forbes, Logie and Lewis are fit, Arsenal should again carry too many guns for their opponents.

SCOT'S SEMI-FINALS
Tomorrow is also semi-final day in Scotland, where Motherwell play Hearts, and Dundee play Third Lanark.

The Motherwell-Hearts game at Hampden Park will provide a clash between those two ace cup scorers, Bauld of Hearts and Kelly of Motherwell.

Motherwell showed a surprisingly good defence in their replayed fourth round tie with Rangers, and Hearts will have to be on top form to score. But in their replayed fourth round tie with Airdrie, Hearts showed themselves to be great fighters.

They were losing 3-2, and scored four goals in the last half of the game to win 3-2.

In the other semi-final at Easter Road, Dundee, with Billy Steel at the helm, on current form should dispose of Third Lanark.

Cup games do not steal all the limelight. For with promotion and relegation struggles reaching critical stages, there will be many stern battles this afternoon.

One of the most important is at City ground, where Notts Forest entertain Sheffield United. Victory for the home side would do much to strengthen their promotion prospects, and at the same time would practically put the United out of the hunt. As Forest won 4-1 at Sheffield earlier in the season, they should be reasonably confident.

In the Third Division South, Plymouth should get two points nearer the Second Division by beating Bournemouth. They may even increase their lead as Brighton and Reading both have away games.

In the Third Division North, the all-conquering Lincoln visit Accrington. The lowly placed home side can have little hope of holding the visitor's attack, which has scored more goals than any other club in the country.

(London Express Service)

HKRA Rifle Shoot

The next practice shoot of the Hongkong Rifle Association will be held at Kowloon on Sunday at 9 a.m. Ranges 200 yards, 300 yards and 500 yards. Spoons will be awarded for the best score in each class.

Colony Chess Championship Surprise

There was a surprise in the first round of the Colony Chess Championship, played at the Peninsula Hotel last night, when S. B. Kho, the first Chinese player to take part in several years, beat L. Schure, a ranking Colony player.

Kho won on steady positional play after Schure, who could then hope for a draw at best, strove to preserve his opponent's isolated centre pawn at any cost.

In his engendered to hold on to this slight advantage, Schure overlooked his opponent's development which culminated in a bishop pinning two rooks. The game was an unorthodox QGD and went to 30 moves. Schure had the black pieces.

Johnny Carvalho held G. S. Coxhead to a draw after losing a piece very early on in a Petroff Defence. This was the evening's longest game.

Ray Dancberg beat J. B. Laing in 43 moves and Karl Weiss beat Dr. G. A. Vellott.

Alec Nelson has withdrawn from the tournament as he will be leaving the Colony early on the fixture and his place will be taken by the player having a bye.

Austrian Football Club May Send Team To Manila

Manila, Mar. 28. The top-ranking Austrian football team, Sportklub Wacker, may play here next year if negotiations for the Austrians to come to Manila are successful. It was learned yesterday.

Coach Emilio Ugarte of the Manila Interport eleven is scheduled to leave for Hongkong on April 6 to negotiate with the Hongkong Football Association regarding the Austrian team.

Meanwhile the Indian Gymkhana football squad will play here in May after engagements with the Hongkong Football Association. Ugarte has also been instructed to make arrangements for a Hongkong team to come together with the Indian eleven in May.—France Press.

Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The 1952 Annual Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be brought to a conclusion tomorrow. There are 12 events on tomorrow's programme. The Ladies' Purse and the Jockey Club Cup will be the main attractions of the day. The First Saddle Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. with the first race starting at noon. The final interval will follow after the running of the fourth race and the first bell will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Lightning Hill Stakes (First Section)—One Mile.

The programme opens with a race confined to Subscription Ponies of 1952. (Weight 147 lbs. winners band.) Judging from performances during the two days of the Annual Meeting, I think the race should be decided between Marine Charger (Mr. Samson), Olympic Torch (Mr. Renfrew), and Solar Knight (Mr. Chan).

Marine Charger is probably a little better than the others in view of its second placing in the Hopeful Stakes (Fifth Section) over the mile, but Solar Knight has been making gradual improvement and may create a surprise. Olympic Torch, which ran a good third over six furlongs, may be considered.

Solar Knight may be worth following in an outsider.

SECOND RACE

Phaeton Handicap (First Section)—From 2 Mile Post.

Novice jockeys will be on view in this event and they will be called upon to handle Class 8 Ponies. Although many will place their faith in Miami Beauty (Mr. H. H. Chan), on account of its third placing in the Mount Parker Handicap (Third Section) at the 5th Race Meeting, I prefer Gladious (Mr. Yan Ching-fan), which was unplaced in the same race, on account of its fine form recently at morning gallops, with Miami Beauty, second, and Angus (Mr. T. H. Dau) third. In view of Gladious' Bay's disappointing form at the last two outings, I can hardly be expected to recommend it for a win, but there is no doubt that this pony has been improving and a win sooner or later is indicated. It will be taken out by Mr. K. Shih tomorrow afternoon.

THIRD RACE

Leighton Hill Stakes (Second Section)—One Mile.

In this race Meadowbrook (Mr. Kwok) will have an opportunity to score a win after its performance in the Hopeful Stakes (First Section) when it came second to No Regrets.

There is Valbridge (Mr. Ostromoff) to be considered and it should give Meadowbrook a good run for the first position.

FOURTH RACE

Ladies' Purse: Once Round.

This race will be contested by Class 1B Ponies and it is certainly no easy matter to pick out the winner, which should come from among Hellzapoppin (Mr. Renfrew), Highlights (Mr. Byrnes), Korankey Lady (Mr. Chan), Prestwood (Mr. Robert Tsai), and Pay Day (Mr. Oliveira).

Hellzapoppin won the Mount Davis Handicap (First Section) at the 1-1/2 Mile Post at the 5th Race Meeting, and so for tomorrow afternoon its weight has gone up by 3 lbs. I believe that it can still win here.

The strongest opposition will come from Highlights. The pony is very fit at the moment and I think it will certainly be fighting out the finish.

Korankkey Lady, for coming second to Hellzapoppin in the above race, has the same weight and as the distance is more suitable to this pony it should not be disregarded.

Prestwood was fourth in the Pearce Memorial Cup at the 4th Race Meeting but should do better here.

Pay Day (Mr. Oliveira) may find the distance to its liking and judging from its work in morning exercise after the last

meeting, I think it will have a say at the finish.

FIFTH RACE

Phaeton Handicap (Second Section)—From 2 Mile Post.

A portion of the entries in this race, reserved for the second lot of Class 8 Ponies, gives me the impression that one need not look further than Miami Beauty (Mr. Ostromoff) and Mimosa (Mr. Chan) for a win, particularly when it is borne in mind that it won the Mount Nicholson Handicap (Third Section) over this distance for Class 8 Ponies at the 5th Race Meeting.

However, in view of the fine form of Crown Wreath (Mr. Young Peter) at the moment, this pony will find strong support.

Cassio (Mr. C. F. Ng), which was fourth the last time out, may be worth while following for a place.

Mr. Ostromoff will be entrusted with the task of riding Couragous, and this combination can be depended upon to give a good race against the other ponies.

SIXTH RACE

Jockey Club Cup: 1-1/4 Miles.

This is the main event of the day and what a grand race this should turn out to be. With the best among the Subscription Ponies of 1952 running, it will be a race worth going a long way to see.

The following are likely starters: Ping On (Mr. Kwok), Icefield (Mr. T. L. Wong), Knockdown (Mr. Robert Tsai) and No Regrets (Mr. Chan Kit).

After the easy manner in which Ping On secured its win in the Hopeful Stakes (Third Section) over the mile last Saturday, there is no doubt but that it will be strongly supported tomorrow afternoon.

The only pony capable of exceeding Ping On is Icefield, but I am afraid that good as Icefield undoubtedly is, it will find its task a hopeless one. Mr. T. L. Wong, however, may be relied upon to get the best out of his mount and the race should prove most interesting.

Knockdown and No Regrets won the Hopeful Stakes First and Second Section respectively on the first day, but I do not think they are as good as the first two.

SEVENTH RACE

Western Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

This race will be decided by Class 4 Ponies, with winners of this meeting barred.

Judging from its last outing, Empress of Peace, which will again be taken out by Mr. Oliveira, will probably do better here and a win is quite possible.

Radi Star (Mr. Samson) should come from Wonderful Coin (Mr. Young Peter) which disappeared badly by running unplaced over the two mile post at the 4th Race Meeting. It should not be neglected, however, as this pony gallops well during morning training.

Airs and Graces (Mr. Robert Tsai) and United Victory (Mr. Chan Kit) are two other contenders which should not be disregarded.

EIGHTH RACE

Victoria Handicap (First Section): 1-1/4 Miles.

In this race for Class 3 Ponies, the likely winner should come from among Mist Macao Bay (Mr. Oliveira), Tenby (Mr. Chan Kit), Beautiful Star (Mr. Samson) and Rose Emma (Mr. Ostromoff).

Half Moon Bay came in third in the Mount Kells Handicap (First Section) over six furlongs and on that run I fancy it to win.

Tenby, which was second in the Pinnacle Pass Handicap (Second Section), is dangerous and should not be disregarded.

Beautiful Star was second in the Pottenger Gap Handicap (First Section) but was later disqualified for exciting and could cause an upset here. For those looking for an outsider, I suggest Rose Emma.

NINTH RACE

Phaeton Handicap (Third Section)—From 2 Mile Post.

This race will be contested by the third lot of Class 8 ponies. Judging by past results, I look to Prairie Moon (Mr. T. L. Wong) to win, but it will be seriously challenged by Ranger (Mr. F. Needy).

Rosemarie is another pony to watch, but it may disappoint again, whilst Golden Wing (Mr. Renfrew) is not bad over this distance.

TENTH RACE

Leighton Hill Stakes (Third Section)—One Mile Post.

Looking over the entries for this event, I don't think there is much doubt that Norse Viking (Mr. Pong-Hung) will win, unless something out of the ordinary happens.

Supreme Command (Mr. Chan Poo) should have no difficulty in taking second place.

A good struggle should ensue between Rebel II (Mr. Samson) and Hawaiian Moon (Mr. Oliveira) for third place.

ELEVENTH RACE

Western Handicap (Second Section)—One Mile.

This race is confined to Class 4 Ponies, Second Section. I like the chances of Ginger (Mr. Y. K. Tai), Honey Dew (Mr. T. L. Wong), Chinese Mackerel (Mr. Yen Ching-fan) and The Hopeful (Mr. Robert Tsai).

Ginger won the Mount Cameron Handicap (Third Section) over this distance for Class 4 ponies in 1948 at the 5th Race Meeting. On that performance, it is now in splendid condition. I think it will just about do it again.

Honey Dew and Chinese Mackerel have done well over this distance and should have a say at the finish.

The Hopeful has been showing improvement in morning gallops and it will probably exceed the other starters.

TWELFTH RACE

Victoria Handicap (Second Section)—1-1/4 Miles.

This is the final event of the Annual Race Meeting and should provide an interesting finish.

Blasphem Time (Mr. Shih), Forward View (Mr. H. C. Woo) and Shannon (Mr. Ostromoff) have been given top weight of 150 lbs. In order to win, they will have to reveal outstanding form, which I don't think we need expect, so they can be left out of consideration.

It seems to me that Tiny Grey with Mr. Samson on top should have a good chance of scoring a win here, but there are probably (Mr. Chan Kit) and Mr. Darling (Mr. S. W. Tang) to be watched.

Hongkong Stutze will be ridden by Mr. Chan. Although this pony is improving during morning gallops, I doubt that it can do better than place.

For an outsider, I recommend Belle Fontaine, which will be taken out by Mr. Renfrew.

KCC TENNIS TOURNAMENT

An American Tournament will be held on Sunday, 30th March, commencing at 10.30 a.m., for members and their guests. Following the tournament an informal tea dance will be held in the Club House at approximately 5 p.m., to which all members and their friends are cordially invited. Those interested should sign the notice immediately.

GETTING READY FOR BOAT RACE DAY



Watched by interested spectators, members of the Cambridge crew take their boat from their riverside headquarters at Putney. Pictured here are boatman Alf Twinn, stroke J. S. M. Jones, N. B. M. Clark, R. F. A. Shappley and G. T. Marshall. It will be noted that the Cambridge men have their initials printed across their jerseys.—Express Photo.

WEEK-END TEAMS

The following are club selections for cricket, hockey and soccer matches this week-end:

CRICKET

Hongkong CC "Scorpions" v Army "A" at Soekongpoo on Saturday at 1.45 p.m.—H. Owen Hughes, C.A. Foster, F.A. Waller, J. Barthwick, T.P. Ruffet, J. Shannon, P.A. Whitcombe, L. Stokes, C.B. Conant, D. J. Hill, K.E. Bence, 12th man—P. Howarth.

Craigengower CC v Kowloon CC at Cox's Road on Saturday and Indian RC at Happy Valley on Sunday at 1.45 p.m.—G. Hong Choy, G.A. Souza, P.R. Ragti, P.J. Billington, D. Heald, T. Crabtree, B.P. Dhabar, H. Greenfield, M. Singh, K.Y. Tam, S.F. Shroff, Reserve—T.H. Emmell.

Indian RC v Royal Navy at King's Park on Saturday at 1.45 p.m.—A.A. Rumbhah, A.R. Abbas, A.R. Kitchell, S.H. Khan, S.K. Khan, A.H. Ismail, A.H. Ismail, A.H. Ismail, A.K. Ismail, A.A. Ismail, A.N. Ismail, A.N. Ismail, G.M. Butt, Scorer—Adam Khan.

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BOAT RACE DAY TOMORROW

By CHARLES STEPHEN

Boat Race Day is here again. Thousands of spectators, sporting their light or dark blue favours, lining the banks of the Thames over the 4 1/2 mile stretch between Putney and Mortlake will reach a fever pitch of excitement tomorrow morning as two boats, each propelled by eight oars, working in perfect unison, skim past them.

And the strangest thing about this greatest free show on earth, is that over 90 per cent of the cheering multitudes has not the slightest connection with either Oxford or Cambridge. What is more, few have bothered to cross the road to see any other boat race.

In every sense much water has flowed under the bridge since that June day in 1829 when the two Universities first pitted their oarsmanship against the 2 1/2 mile stretch of the Thames between Hammersmith Lock and Henley, watched by a mere handful of spectators.

Ninety-six other Boat Races have been rowed during the intervening 123 years and the event has become firmly established in the British sporting calendar.

WINTER'S END

It is difficult to say why the race has gripped the imagination of the public as it has. The publicity received via the press and wireless undoubtedly plays a part, but is not the whole story.

Perhaps the best explanation is, that given a fine day—and this is usually the case—it provides a grand spectacle and the first open air show for Londoners following the winter.

The origin of the Race is shrouded in history. But credit is given to a young Oxford student named Charles Wordsworth, who in later life became a Bishop. His father was Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, and during the holidays he met one of his father's Cambridge pupils, a lad by the name of Merivale, who also went into the Church, and became Dean of Ely.

The two boys struck up a firm friendship and on returning to their respective colleges, exchanged letters. Both were keen on boating and as a result of their correspondence the challenge for the first University Boat Race was made.

It was not an annual affair; in those days and did not become so until 1850. But before that date, in 1830 to be exact, the Race was taken from its upriver site to the lower tidal reaches, where it is still rowed today. Another important innovation in those early days came about in 1846 when the clumsy in-rigger boats were dispensed with and out-riggers, fore-runners of the present day shells, made their first appearance.

MANY THRILLING RACES

During the long history of the Boat Race there have been many thrilling races.

POINT IN THEIR FAVOUR?

The fact that Oxford have not been so impressive in training this year may, however, be a point in their favour. In previous years, especially in the early stages of training, they appeared the better crew, but could not maintain progress and on some occasions even went "stale".

This year, it was not until a fortnight ago that the position of stroke, the most important in the boat, was finally settled. The position had been held by Peter Gladstone, a direct descendant of the famous statesman. But then the "Dark Blues" decided to appoint Christopher David, who stroked their narrowly beaten 49 crew.

The score at the moment stands at Cambridge 53, Oxford 43. And the chances are that Cambridge will improve their record by extending their winning run from five to six races.

American Table Tennis Champions To Play Here

The two top-ranking American table tennis players, Martin Relsman and Douglas Cartland, who are now touring Saigon, have accepted the invitation of the Hongkong Table Tennis Association to play a series of four exhibition matches in Hongkong.

They are due to arrive on Tuesday and will play the same night against a Hongkong selection of Chung Ching-seng, Keung Wing-ning and Cheng Kwok-wing.

The match will be on the Davis Cup system with four Singles and one Doubles and will start at 7.30 p.m. at the Southern playground.

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1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1951, and the Auditors' Report thereon.
2. To sanction a dividend in respect of the year 1951.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 15th March, 1952, to 28th March, 1952, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1952.

NOTICE

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Last Chapter In The Story Of A Spendthrift

London, Mar. 27.

For 12 hours Captain Eddy Crane, 37, changed his prison clothes for a 50-guinea Savile-row suit, to live again, in retrospect, the gay 22 months in which he spent £26,000. It was the last chapter in the story of a spendthrift and it ended in Windsor Bankruptcy Court.

The public examinations of Crane and his friend, Captain Clarence Henry Pitt, 36, once Silver Stick Adjutant to the late King, were closed.

It ended with Crane—brought from Wormwood Scrubs, where he is serving a three-year sentence for fraud—emphasising from the witness box: "Captain Pitt knew nothing of my business transactions. I take full responsibility for any transactions he entered into."

And it ended, according to Crane, only temporarily. For, he told the Official Receiver, Mr. C. T. Newman: "I always had a gay and luxurious life and I am going to have it again in the future. I can get out of my financial difficulties if I have the chance."

For three hours Crane answered questions about the business negotiations and week-end parties on which he spent £236 a week. His liabilities, said Mr. Newman, were more than £25,000, his assets £3,679. Captain Pitt, whose examination had been adjourned, had liabilities of £10,312, assets of £8.

DEALS OFF

When it was all over, Captains Crane and Pitt went into a private room and for five minutes talked—of the days when champagne flowed at the 16-roomed mansion, Sunning-house, Berkshire, which Crane rented for more than £1,000 a year, when its 85 acres were flooded, when the band of the Horse Guards played for 250 guests, and dinners and breakfasts alone cost £500.

In his evidence, Crane told how he had pinned his hopes

on large-scale deals. There was the international oil deal involving, he said, \$75,000,000, which two Texas millionaires were prepared to invest in oil concessions in India, Pakistan, and other countries. It fell through.

There was the deal in which he hoped to earn a large commission by arranging the sale to an American buyer of the exclusive Mayfair hotel. That fell through.

There was the Government surplus stores deal in which, Crane said, he invested £10,000—given to him by another man.

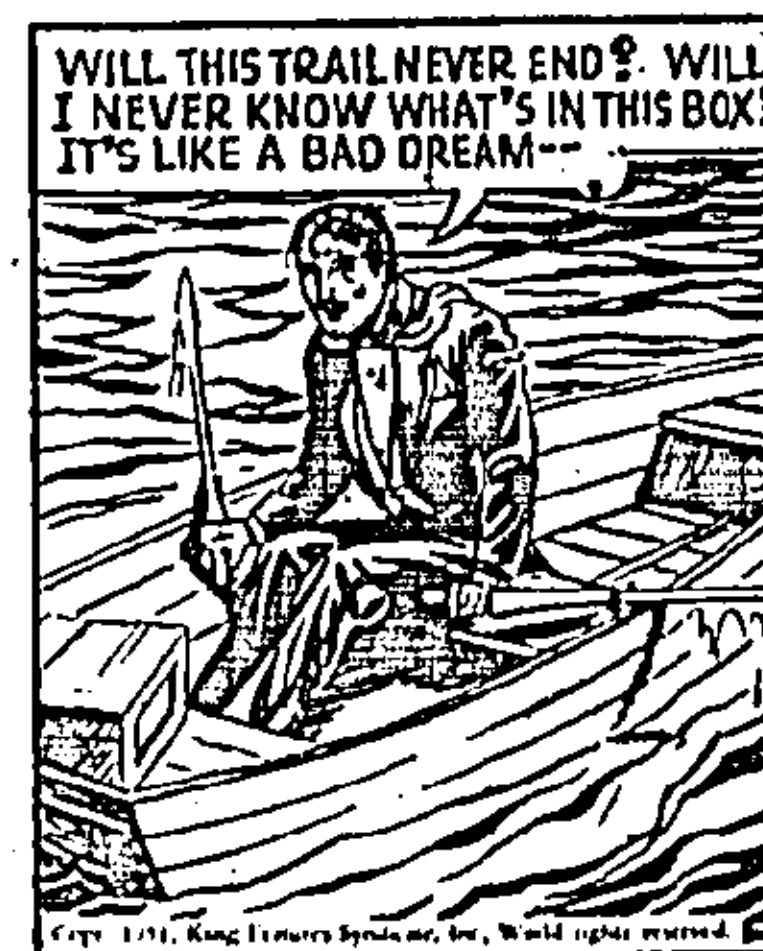
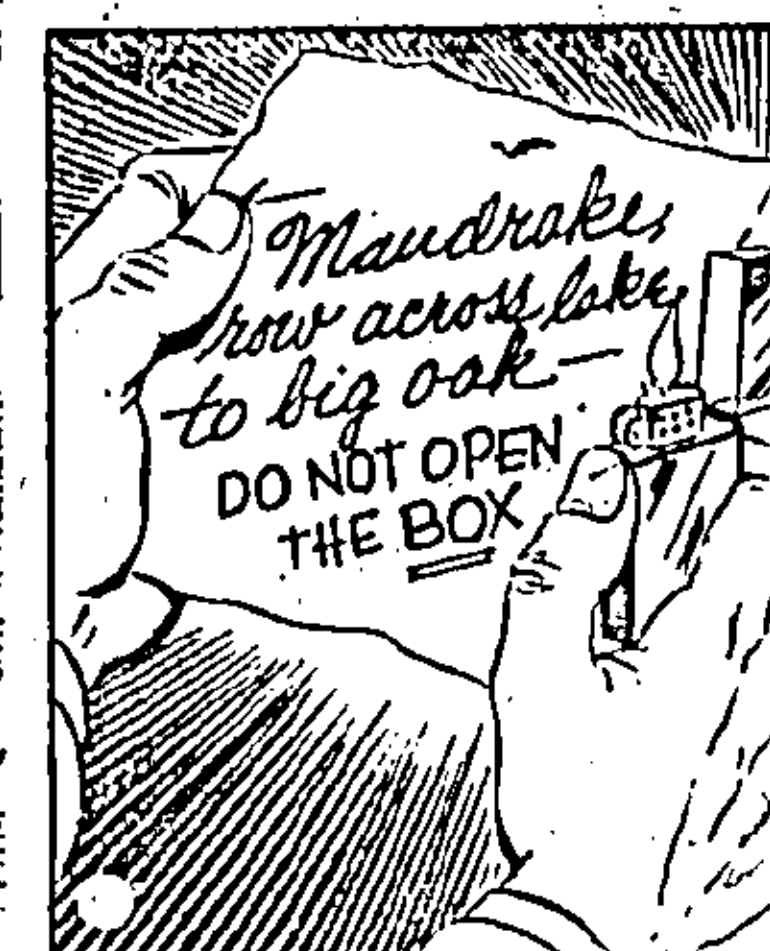
"I paid the money," he said, "to a man named Victor Hugo, whom I knew as an associate of George Dawson, the millionaire surplus stores dealer. He said I would get it back with 100 per cent interest. But he disappeared. I believe he died in Switzerland recently. I spoke to George Dawson about it in Paris and he said he knew nothing of the transaction."

And there was the story of the parties. One, in Ascot, Week, 1950, cost him more than £600. A few days before, Crane agreed, he had borrowed £2,000. The bill included £147 for champagne.

Rabies In Finland

Helsinki, Mar. 27.
The authorities in Finland's southernmost Kymmenen Province have ordered all dogs there to be registered because they fear an epidemic of rabies has broken out. The epidemic was reported to have been brought into Finland by Russian dogs straying over the frontier.—Reuter.

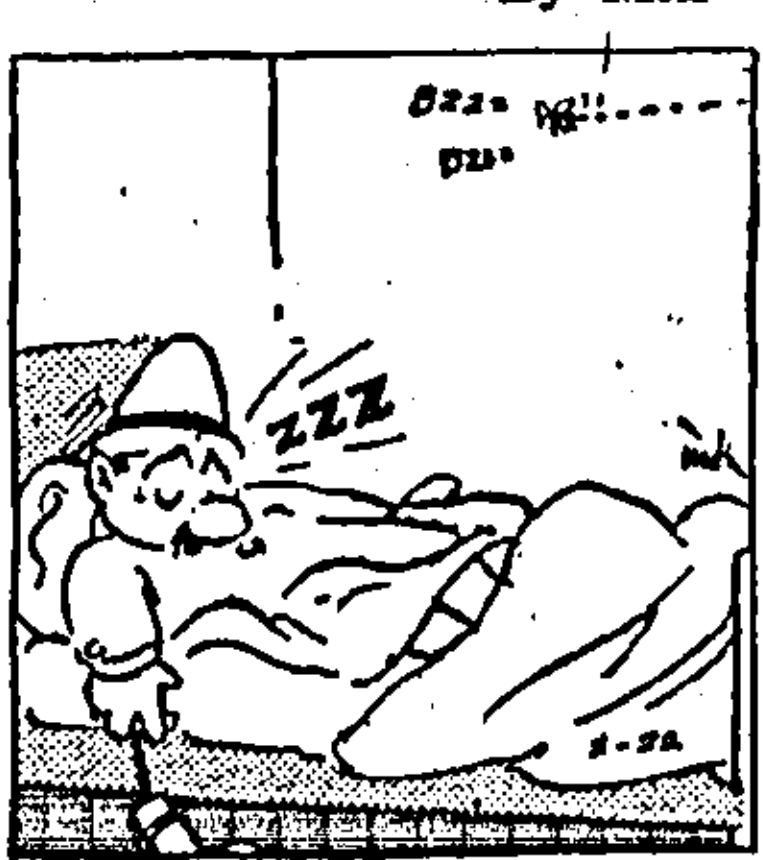
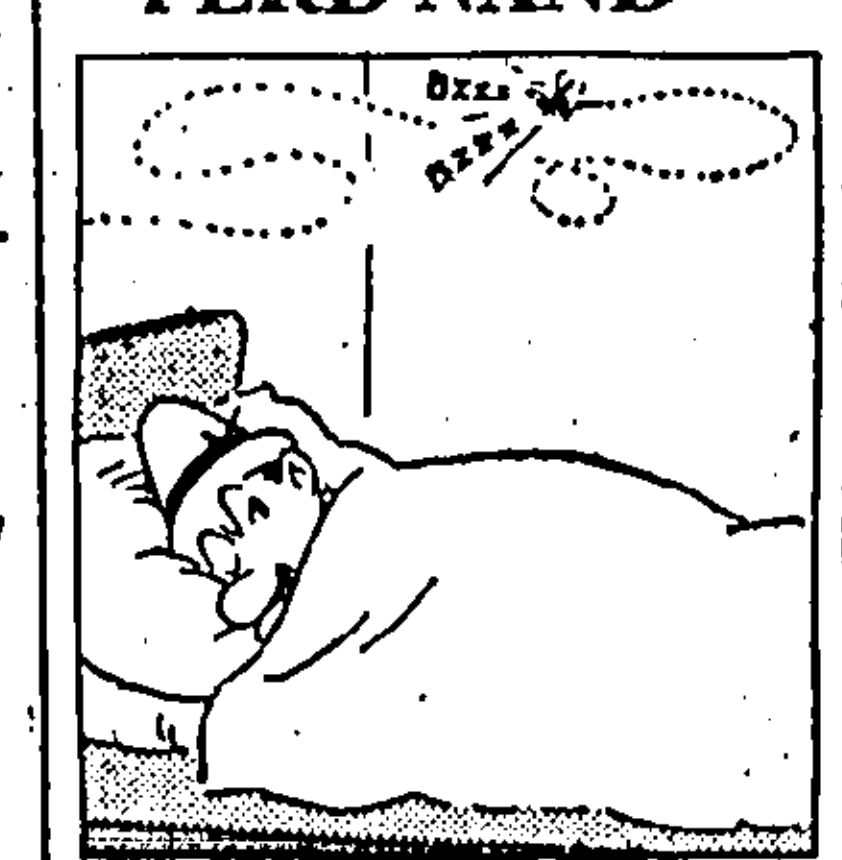
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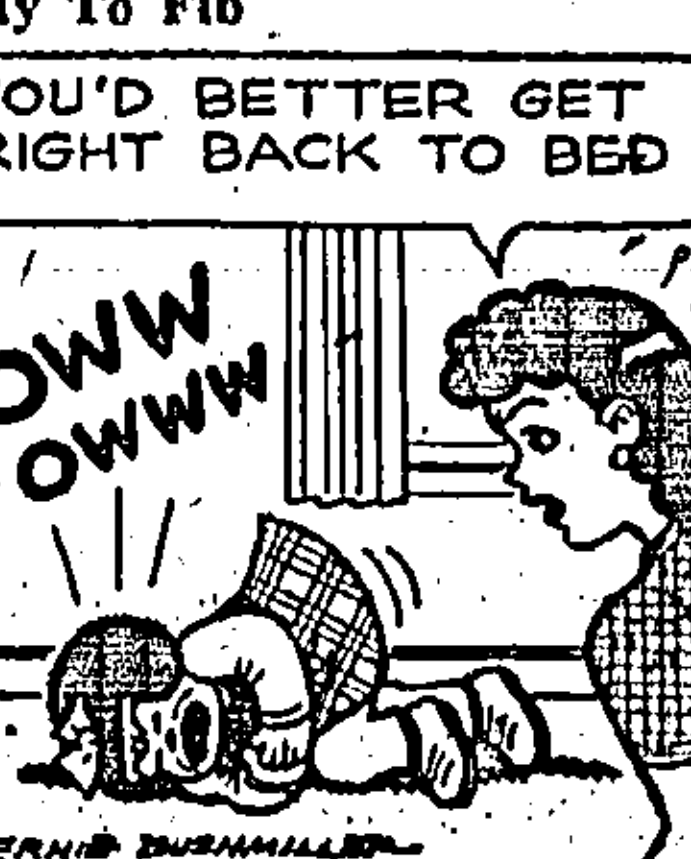
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Tory MP Advocates Emigration

(From Our Correspondent)

London, Mar. 27.
Emigration from Britain to the Commonwealth on a big scale was urged today by the Hon. Edward Carson, Conservative MP, as the best way to develop Empire resources and prevent recurrent economic crises.

He was writing in a letter to the Daily Telegraph.

"Surely," he says, "it is high time for the Government to hold high-level conversations with the governments of the whole Commonwealth with a view to planning a real emigration policy on a larger scale than hitherto and to endeavour to assist and advise people from the United Kingdom to go where their work and enterprise is most needed in the Empire."

"If we as a Commonwealth are going to work out our salvation together we shall never do it by concentrating our labour force in one small corner of that Commonwealth."

It could only be done by developing the natural resources that lie waiting in other parts, he added.

If the Empire is to be treated as a single entity as far as financial solvency is concerned then "we must review our present distribution of manpower in the light of the locally and availability of raw materials."

A lead is badly required and can only come from the Government, he continues.

"This seems to be a conspicuously lacking from its present advisers," Mr. Carson says, "as it was permanently absent during the years of rule by the late Administration."

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